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## Barry wins majority in District primaries

### D.C. picks former mayor over incumbent Kelly, councilman Ray



Democratic Mayoral Candidate Marion Barry

By Ruby Mays and Elaine Lana Myada  
Hilltop Staff Writers

In an astonishing comeback from his 1990 drug arrest, D.C. Councilman Marion Barry has captured the Democratic party's nomination for mayor. Barry crushed rival John Ray's fourth attempt at the city's executive helm and squashed incumbent Sharon Pratt Kelly's hopes at a second term.

After all 140 precincts' reports were in, Barry generated 47 percent of the primary result with 65,308 votes. Ray trailed Barry with 50,923—37 percent of the primary election total. Meanwhile, Kelly drove in

only 18,321 votes, 13 percent of the primary total.

In the Republican primary election for mayor, Carol Schwartz, former D.C. council member, gained an easy victory over Brian Patrick Moore. Schwartz garnered 3,707 votes—75 percent of the primary result.

Schwartz's opponent, Moore, concluded the election with 628 votes, 13 percent of the primary election total.

Schwartz, ran against Barry in the 1986 mayoral race and only garnered 33 percent of the vote in a losing effort.

As Barry acknowledged his victory, he referred to his ability to rise above pain.

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I was blind, but now I see, lost but now found. Faith the size of mustard seeds can move mountains," Barry said, paraphrasing the Bible.

Barry has definitely moved mountains. In an effort to encourage the city's younger and poorer citizens to make their votes count, he supported a massive voter registration drive in neighborhoods characterized by low voter participation. He also managed to register thousands of voters for the primaries.

This effort paid off and was the key to Barry's defeat over Ray. When the first returns were reported just after 8:30 p.m., Barry and Ray were locked in a neck and neck race. But with new voters turning out for the primaries in large numbers, he managed to widen his lead later in the evening.

"We see the power of those from the ages of 18-31 who they said couldn't vote, but we showed them didn't we?" Barry asked.

Barry also said his victory was not just his own, but "a victory for Washington D.C."

Ernest Turner, a Barry supporter, strongly believes Barry can lead D.C. in a better direction.

On Nov. 8, Barry's next challenge will be a three way race against Republican Party Candidate Carol Schwartz and Bill Lightfoot, a Ray ally and politically independent D.C. Council member during the general elections.

### Washingtonians react favorably to Barry's historic political comeback

By Derrick M. Dennis  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In response to former Mayor Marion Barry's Tuesday night victory making him the District of Columbia's Democratic mayoral candidate, several members of the Howard University and the District of Columbia communities say, despite his personal problems, they are willing to offer Barry a second chance.

"It was a tough decision for me. I was unsure right up until it was my turn to vote," said Denise Peusan, a flight attendant from Shaw. "But I pulled the lever for Barry because he knows D.C., he's in touch with our problems and, in my mind, that outweighed his drug addiction."

Barry, who resigned from office in 1990 after an embarrassing drug arrest, has slowly climbed his way back to the top of the district's political community.

"I think it was an amazing accomplishment for Barry. There were a lot of people who didn't think he could pull enough votes city-wide," Ron Harris said, a University dorm counselor who grew up in Ward 8. "I know Barry personally, and I know a number of people on his organizational team. I knew he wasn't going to give up."

Ward 5 resident Debra Martinez is skeptical about the ramifications of the former mayor's primary victory.

"I wasn't too thrilled about his

win, but I wasn't surprised either," said Martinez, who works at the Office of University Communications. "It's definitely remarkable that he has been able to pull himself together. But I think his previous drug abuse is bad for the city. And for him to come back and run for the city's top job just wasn't the thing to do."

Hundreds of Marion Barry supporters from all over were on hand at his campaign headquarters at the Washington Convention Center to show their dedication. The Barry camp was not set in some grand hotel, but rather in a background helping to paint a realistic picture of everyday America.

The crowd of supporters displayed an American picture seldom painted in society. The young and the elderly, the wealthy and the poor, the handicapped and the athlete, as well as the healthy and the sick made up the diverse tapestry of Barry support.

"I feel elated! It's a wonderful day for Barry to be elected," Berna Gunn-Williams, president of Scruples Inc. and Mississippi native, said.

But now, according to many residents, Barry's biggest battle will be winning over an unforgiving Congress.

"I just hope that Barry's enemies in Congress will give him the respect he deserves as mayor," Pusan said. "If you fight him, fight him on the issues."

And while Barry's win in the

Democratic primary virtually seals his inauguration as Washington's next mayor, Pusan and other District residents have already begun to prepare themselves for the battles that Barry has ahead.

"I think Barry's win is good for the city, especially for the city's youth," Associate Director of Student Activities Daanen Strachan said. "On the other hand, I don't know what Congress will think of him now. But I don't believe Congress will let D.C. fail."

Political Science Associate Professor Dr. Alvin Thornton, who has made numerous television appearances as a political analyst said Tuesday's primary reflects a new beginning for the city.

"I see Barry's victory as a commencement, not the end of a long fought campaign," Thornton said. "His victory is not just about one man turning his life around. It's about the redemption of a city and a people—a task that is going to be a hundred times more difficult than his own redemption."

Dormitory receptionist Hattie Foster, a District resident since 1937, has been able to put Barry's past drug life behind.

"I feel wonderful about Barry's victory. He deserves a second chance," Foster, a Northeast resident, said. "Like any one else, he's done his share of good and bad, but I don't think he's betrayed me any more than those Congressmen up on Capitol Hill."

## THE HILLTOP THIS WEEK

### HOWARD SUPERHIGHWAY

Information Systems and Services Office puts University on-line, CAMPUS A2.

### NEW GALLERY OPENS

The HILLTOP debuts a page featuring student art and poetry, GALLERY A10.

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## THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Marjorie Lawson was named U.S. representative to the U.N. Economic and Social Council's Social Commission in 1966.

Educator Charles G. Dinkins was born in Mississippi in 1856. Dinkins became one of the nation's first Black university presidents in 1893 when he was named president of Alabama Baptist Colored University at Selma.

## University acquires historic Miner property with \$4 million purchase

By Donya Matheny  
Hilltop Staff Writer

To provide more classrooms and faculty office space, Howard University has purchased the Miner Building, a 722,000 square foot structure next to the Administration Building.

According to Horace Dawson, Interim President Joyce Ladner's Assistant for Public Affairs and Communications, the University paid \$4 million for the building.

"The University plans to use the Miner Building primarily for classrooms and faculty office space," Dawson said. Specific renovation plans have not yet been finalized.

Interim University President Joyce Ladner called the measure a "win" for the University.

"[Negotiating the purchase] wasn't easy. There were some city officials who didn't even want to talk about the Miner Building,"

Ladner said. "But when we raise the money to renovate that building we will have indeed filled all of the classroom teaching needs."

But as the University faces hard financial times by reducing its workforce and consolidating departments and/or positions, many say they cannot help but view the acquisition with skepticism.

"I think Howard needs to work on other things before buying new buildings. They should take care of other things before they take on another project that they obviously cannot handle," Angela Jones, a sophomore majoring in biology said.

But others think the purchase was a good idea.

"I believe it would be a good investment because it will create more classrooms," Marvin Richards, a sophomore marketing major said.

Peter Lashley agreed, saying the purchase was definitely a good



View of former Miner Teachers College from Gerogia Avenue

idea.

"The University could offer more classes with extra space," the architecture major said.

The purchase of the historic building, an acquisition that the University had been wanting to make for years, was completed June 30.

The building opened as the Miner Normal School in 1914, housed the Miner Teachers' College from 1929-1955, and from 1955-1977 it was the home of the District of Columbia Teachers' College, which became part of the University of the District of Columbia.

## Owners cancel World Series

By Kisha Riggins  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Into 33 days of the Major League Baseball strike, the owners have decided to forfeit the rest of the season and eliminate this year's World Series.

This means that the world will not see Cal Ripken, Jr. in his 2,010 consecutive regular season game nor will the world see the batting genius and possible record breakings by Frank Thomas, Matt Williams and Ken Griffey, Jr. or the excitement and suspense of the legendary seven game series.

The owners gave the players' side until Sept. 15 to compromise with the owners and end the strike that started on Aug. 12. When the Sept. 15 deadline came and went and no move had been made by the players to agree to end the strike, the owners officially forfeited the rest of the MLB season, thus cancelling the

World Series.

"I can't believe that there won't be a World Series. I think it is stupid and selfish of the baseball players to sit out a season, cause people to lose jobs and lose money just because they want more than 52 percent of the revenues of the team," Chicago White Sox fan Nadine Ott said.

While many people agree that the strike was unnecessary, others believed it was evident.

Ben Becker, sports producer at WJLA-TV, said a power play between the players and owners caused the strike.

"Right now the players control the game, the owners want to change that in the future by starting to impose some rules that will disallow player control," Becker said.

By declaring the end to the season and this year's World Series, the talks of a compromise are becoming bleaker and bleaker.

"Before the cancellation of the

World Series was decided, the owners had more incentive to come to a compromise because without a World Series, they stand to lose millions of dollars in revenue. Now that there is officially no chance for a World Series, the momentum of the owners compromising has lessened," Becker said.

"I thought that I might be robbed of about two weeks of baseball, but I was sure that the owners would give in and end the strike," Ott said.

In 1981, there was a baseball strike that lasted longer than this one, yet the World Series was still played, so some say there is still hope that a World Series will occur this year.

"This is a watershed event for Major League Baseball, both sides have sensible arguments but no one is willing to give in now because what decision is made out of this strike affects the future control of baseball," Becker said.



Photo by Lesloyd Alleyne

Poet Maya Angelou shared prose and poetry with students and English department members during a Wednesday afternoon visit at Blackburn Center's Gallery Lounge. She discussed the dynamics of the English language and encouraged students to be humble, modest and courageous throughout life.



# CAMPUS

## Water main replacement causes confusion

By Shuni Dubone  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On the street in front of Howard University's Founders Library, many students can be seen dodging bulldozers, balancing themselves on loose pieces of sidewalk and ducking flying particles of dust and gravel as they make their way to and from "the Yard."

The construction of a new water main on Howard Place is the cause of these inconveniences according to Adolph Hight, the University's director of Infrastructure and Utilities. Hight said the old water main as well as connecting pipes are being replaced because of age and the need for increased water pressure.

As bright orange safety cones, yellow bulldozers and large, new black pipes cover the street, several



Shawn Andrews looks bewildered as he surveys Howard Place water main debris.

students find it difficult to accept progress at the expense of their safety.

Junior Kerri Conner, the recently crowned Miss School of Business,

feels that the construction is dangerous to students and faculty as well.

"It's an inconvenient hazard that should have been taken care of this

summer instead of when school started," Conner said.

Indeed, construction on campus has been hazardous and inconvenient at times. Last year,

during the Douglass Hall renovations, dumpsters, mud and construction debris prevented students from easily moving from building to building for months.

Junior African studies major, Ife-Tayo Thomas, acknowledged the dissatisfaction she feels as a result of the construction.

"It is inconvenient and does not look good at all," Thomas said.

However, despite the inconveniences caused by the construction, some students welcome these improvements.

According to Dakarai Thompson, a sophomore majoring in political science, a little inconvenience goes with the territory.

"As long as they are really doing something positive or making the road better than I have no problem with it," Thompson said.

Jalyn Lyde, a physical therapy

major, is indifferent to the construction.

"I'm used to it because there is construction going on everywhere right now," Lyde said.

According to Hight, the construction may be a problem for now, but its something that is very necessary for the University the students it serves.

"We are installing a new water line which will serve all of the buildings on 'the Yard'," Hight said. According to Hight, the existing pipes are old and don't have enough water pressure for the sprinklers and water fountains.

Hight maintained that if the city ever has a water shortage, then the new water line would be able to route the University's water supply from another source. Construction is expected to end around mid-October.

## ISAS upgrades University

By Marvin C. Bryan, Jr.  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Without the Office of Information Systems and Services, Howard University might very well be trailing on the information superhighway.

No computer labs. No academic computing. No on-line registration. No campus telephone system.

But, by taking advantage of the available technology, ISAS has been able to increase the University's level of productivity at all levels.

"Howard University is ahead of most other universities, including Historically Black Colleges, when it comes to Internet and the application of technology," ISAS Interim Executive Director Charles Moore said.

Internet is a world-wide computer network, of which Howard University is a member. Through it, students can access other universities across the globe to obtain information.

"We are now upgrading the capacity to handle the large numbers of students that will be tapping into Internet. ISAS is trying to provide an environment for students to increase their productivity, while responding to the computing needs of our students," Moore added.

ISAS is responsible for four

major areas of technology around the University. One of these major areas of technology is the Academic Computing Services which is responsible for the computer labs around campus as well as providing general technological assistance to students.

The second major area is

ISAS also has control over the University's overall Computer Operations and Systems Services. This unit maintains all of the computer systems at Howard University with the exception of the computers in the department of Physical Facilities Management, Moore said.

students and faculty of what is happening around campus including upcoming speakers, concerts, and sporting events. The kiosks will be up and running by the middle of this semester.

"If you want to know where the admissions office is, the new KIOSK system will tell you, as well

as what that particular office does and the names of major contact people in that office," Data Base Manager Andrew Reese said.

According to Reese, who works in the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the interactive maps will have the capability of giving personal directions to students and visitors as they travel to various parts of the campus.

"There will be three KIOSK systems in place by the end of this semester: one in the administration building, another in the Blackburn Center, and also one in the Undergraduate Library," added Charles Moore, Interim Executive Director of ISAS.

Other plans ISAS has for this academic year are upgrading the computers at the business school and the computers in the Undergraduate Library. ISAS also plans to offer seminars to students on Internet services.

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—ISAS Interim Executive Director Charles Moore

Administrative Computer Services. This includes student service support as well as computers and computer programs for registration, the Office of the Bursar, student recruitment and student records. Administrative Computer Services also handles the University's business systems and payroll inventory.

Another part of the ISAS system is Telecommunications Services. They are responsible for all voice and data services on campus. This includes all on-campus office phones as well as the dormitory telephone service.

According to Moore, all of the University's computers and information delivery services are on a fiber optic network that connects 62 buildings on the main campus.

However, along with the job of maintaining the University's computerized systems and services, ISAS is also upgrading its technology with some innovative features.

One of the new things ISAS has planned for the University is its new KIOSK System. The KIOSK system will serve as an interactive calendar of events to inform

## Omegas Psi Phi Fraternity named undergraduate chapter of the year

By Dorothy J. Brown  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter have earned the honorable distinction of National Undergraduate Chapter of the Year for 1993-94 by their national headquarters.

This is the first time Alpha Chapter has obtained the national recognition of its more than 900 nationwide chapters as well as its international chapters in the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Liberia, Germany and Korea.

Alpha Chapter, which has been serving a six year suspension from campus activities, obtained this recognition in August after just one year back on "the Yard."

"For us to go from practical extinction to Undergraduate Chapter of the Year in such a short time frame shows the strength and commitment of our organization," said Chapter President Lenford Lloyd.

Alpha Chapter, founded at Howard University on November 17, 1911, has continued to live out their principles of "manhood,

scholarship, perseverance, and uplift" through numerous community service projects.

In fact, community service and campus-based activities were the major criteria used in selecting undergraduate chapter of the year.

Alpha Chapter had over 30 activities in the 1993-94 academic year which included an AIDS walk, Clean Up Georgia Avenue, and a "We Feed Our People" clothes and food drive. Some of their campus-based activities include the Charles R. Drew Blood and Bone Marrow drive, Armour J. Blackburn Center lecture series, voter registration and book drives.

"We must give credit to the leadership from older Alpha Chapter brothers who helped us put together programs that would be useful to the community," fraternity member Sherriek Watson said.

In addition to being named Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, Alpha Chapter also has two



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Chapter

fraternity members, Clement Mboke and Sanders Adu, who were recognized as national scholars of the year.

"Everyone has an image of the 'Ques' and I'm the first to say that all those things are true. The energy is alive, the parties and the hanging out are a reality. But we also need to recognize that we have outstanding community service and academic scholars," faculty advisor Newton Jackson said.

The Omegas look forward to the

new year with great promise and continued community involvement.

"One may say, with this achievement behind us, where do we go from here?," Jackson asked. "We can either maintain and strive harder or fall short. But I think [this honor] is going to be a tremendous challenge for the undergraduate brothers on Howard's campus to do better than in the past. We definitely have the people to do it."

## Douglass Hall changes please staff, students

By Ruth Gadson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

After months of dust, construction noise, heat and temporary classroom trailers, Frederick Douglass Hall has been fully renovated, and the problems have ceased.

The University has carpeted the office floors, tiled the classroom floors, purchased new desks for student use, painted the walls and put in a brand new, and much needed, air conditioning and heating system.

"I'm pleased with the entire project... I'm pleased that the trailers out front are gone," Antonio Ellison, a junior majoring in legal communications, said. "With everything going on last year, it took away from the atmosphere. But the inside is much better now."

While many students and faculty members agree that the contractors worked long and hard on the renovations for Douglass Hall, many more cannot understand why it took the University this long to make the repairs.

"I think that the renovations were well overdue. I'm pleased with the outcome," Chris Nicholls said, a senior majoring in finance. "I have one class in there, but from what I've seen, I'm happy."

Edward Pinkard, the Assistant Vice President for Physical Facility Management, said that he is proud of the outcome of Douglass Hall.

"These renovations have given Howard a high quality academic classroom building," Pinkard said. "I'm very pleased."

Overall the students and faculty say they are satisfied with Douglass Hall and its new look, although some feel that there is still work that needs to be done.

"Basically they did a good job but they need to complete it," Alecia Haughton, a junior majoring in administrative justice, said. "I have one class in the basement and the dust affects my allergies. Overall, it's an improvement but the teachers need furniture in their offices so that they can hold conferences. Many of my teachers say that they cannot see students outside of the classroom because their offices are not complete."

Chiquita James, a junior majoring in political science, agreed.

"There is a great improvement. When I walk in here now, I feel more comfortable. Of course upon renovating such a major facility, you will run into problems upon completion but you tackle them as you go along," James stated.

Hope Dawson, a junior majoring in economics, said she is pleased with the changes as well.

"I'm happy with the changes. I was an architecture major before and I learned that little things mean a lot in a learning environment. Even simple visual things can make you more comfortable and more attentive," Dawson said.

## Graduate's Corner

By Bryan Jay Parker  
Hilltop Graduate Liaison

Who are the graduate and professional students of Howard University and why are they important?

Well, first of all, these individuals have had the privilege of obtaining a college degree from a myriad of fields and from all over the world.

Even further, they have chosen to continue in their academic endeavors in a society built around the notion that the more you know, the more money you make; get paid for what you know or what people think you know, not exclusively on what you do.

We have chosen to go through more rigorous years of BS to be classified by the world as experts

of our chosen fields.

In addition, it is of some significance to realize that graduate and professional students compose almost one third of Howard University's enrollment and pay more tuition. We are about deep.

In fact, from a historical point of view, Howard University's graduate and professional students actually built this University's reputation. Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Divinity and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences followed by the names Marshall, Wilder, Espy, Drew and Hawthorne make a point loud and clear—graduate and professional students get props, too.

Our tradition has been long and prosperous and will continue.

**COMING  
UP NEXT  
WEEK**

### Money Man Interview:

Meet Interim President Joyce Ladner's New Acting Vice President for Fiscal Affairs - Bernard K. Jarvis. Find out about him and his plans to deliver the University out of debt.

### The Land of Opportunity?

Complicated "green card" statuses, the 50% tuition surcharge and adjusting to life on a different continent has Howard's international student population suffering in "the land of opportunity."

### Knocking On Heaven's Door

Unlit walkways, barely visible security and free-for-all campus residences are causing students to fear for their lives. What does Howard's Campus Police force have to say.

### Gambling Pyramid Style

A Wave of Howard students have become participants in an underground money pyramid for the chance of winning thousands in cash. Is it a scam or are these students planting the seeds of a student stock exchange?



# CAMPUS PLUS

## Ebony Warren reigns as Miss Communications

By Angel D. Lloyd  
Hilltop Staff Writer

After two hours, months of preparation and much anticipation, Ebony P. Warren was finally crowned Miss School of Communications last Friday night.

"At first, I was feeling all right and then I began to get nervous as the time grew closer," Warren said, reflecting on the pageant.

Warren, a broadcast journalism major, spent the entire summer preparing for the pageant and her determination paid off. As Miss School of Communications, Warren has to carry a lot of weight on her shoulders, but she said she feels only pressure from herself.

Warren wants to change how

she feels students view Miss School of Communications. She plans to be very active and visible in the school.

"I want [the students] to know that my responsibilities go beyond being pretty or being present at the coronations; I am there to provide services for the students," she said.

Although her reign has just begun, the senior from Miami, has already thought about what she wants to accomplish as Miss School of Communications. Warren's goal is to bridge the gap between the faculty, staff, and the students in the School of Communications by starting an academic cluster.

Warren hopes that through this program, the upperclassmen will be mentors to the freshmen

throughout their education at Howard University, not just during their first year.

Warren has a positive outlook for the Miss Howard Pageant; she has a coach to help her with the question-and-answer segment and she plans to stay in shape by visiting the gym everyday. In addition to the normal preparations, Warren said she has to mentally prepare for the upcoming pageant as well.

The Miss School of Communications Pageant was put together by two seniors, Janeya Hisle and Andrea Thompson, both communications science and disorders majors. Sophomore Steve Ramey, a radio production major, also helped with set

designs.

Hisle and Thompson chose the theme: "Back to Black: A Revolution," which, according to Hisle, represents a return to the ideology of African-American ancestors as opposed to the superficial characteristics seen from the surface.

"Andrea and I wanted to do something different, something the audience would remember for a long time," Hisle said.

The pageant was broken down into three segments in which the three contestants, Sophomore Brandi J. Harden, Junior Tasha M. Hardy and Warren, all took part in.

"Black Birth," the first segment, was described by Hisle to mean that everything is born out of darkness—the seed from

the ground, the animal from the egg, and the child from the womb. Hisle and Thompson said that black is commonly viewed negatively; however, they believe that a lot of very beautiful things are born out of blackness.

During the segment, the audience and the judges were introduced to the contestants while they interpreted a moving poem written by Hisle which focused on the meaning of "Black Birth."

The next segment featured the talents of the three contestants and was titled, "Black Heart." Hisle described this as the passion of African-American people and the different ideas held about Black activities and Black identities. Each contestant

entertained the audience in a unique and expressive manner.

Harden interpreted a poem by Langston Hughes, Hardy played a piano medley and Warren recited her own poem.

"Black Mind," the question-and-answer session, gave the audience a chance to participate. Members of the audience were allowed to submit questions for the contestants to answer. Hisle and Thompson added this so that the students in the School of Communications could have some part in choosing the young woman who would represent their school.

Warren will go on to compete in next month's Miss Howard Pageant, along with the representatives from Howard University's other schools and colleges.

## Homecoming step show faces organization boycott

By Aubaine Woods  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A threat by the Pan-Hellenic Council to boycott the Homecoming Step Show has resulted in ongoing negotiations between the council and the Homecoming Steering Committee. The controversy centers around a dispute over prize money.

Tamara Haye, homecoming chairperson, said the steering committee is trying to address the Pan-Hellenic Council's concerns to reach a middle ground. The council is the governing body of the eight Black fraternities and

sororities on Howard University's campus, which include: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

"Personally, I don't think homecoming would be the same without Howard University Greek participation," Haye said. "I met with all eight organizations because I wanted to hear everyone's concerns. It turned out to be a good meeting. They have a problem with

programming and many of their points are valid."

According to Haye, the Pan-Hellenic Council's problem is not with this step show, but with how step shows have been run in the past. She said the council is concerned with the amount of prize money and the way funds have been distributed in past years.

Julian Gaither, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council and member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter, refused to comment at press time.

Both Haye and Monique Woods, step show coordinator, remain optimistic about the outcome of

the negotiations.

"All the teams are getting into the step show and I have gotten applications from almost all the members of the Pan-Hellenic Council and Kappa Kappa Psi, the national band fraternity. I don't see there being a problem," Woods said.

According to Woods, the step show, entitled "Uptown Saturday Night, Retro-70's Step Show and Player's Ball," will have a 70's theme, making it different from past shows. All the competing teams will be using a 70's theme, either in the music they use or the clothes they wear.

"We want to go back to the time of Black pride and revolution. The show is a tribute to a time that added flavor to the rich culture of Africans in America. We wanted something different from the typical step show," Woods said.

This is the first national championship step show Howard University has hosted during homecoming Woods said. The grand prize winner will receive \$2,500.

"More than one team will represent some of the organizations and teams outside of the Pan-Hellenic Council will step. The homecoming step show has never

been like this at Howard," Woods stated. "We are trying to broaden the show so people can see different kinds of stepping."

According to Woods, students and alumni should get into the 70's atmosphere by wearing clothing from that era.

"There will be a celebrity host that people will remember from the 70's. The coordinator said the show will go back to a time when people publicly said 'Black is beautiful.' It will celebrate our Blackness, which is rich in culture," Woods said. "The fashions will include bell bottoms, dashiki's and afro's."

## UGSA attempts to please students with fall events

By Danette S. Gerald  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Although classes began only one month ago, student leaders have been busy planning programs and preparing for the school year since late May. They are now eager to implement their ideas, and are hoping that students of all classifications will get involved with student government.

Karen Owens, programs director of the Undergraduate Student Assembly, is diligently planning events that she believes students will enjoy. The Annual Fall Fest will take place Oct. 20 through Oct. 23. It will begin with a forum sponsored by UGSA and the School of Communications that will feature Nathan McCall, author of the national best-seller, *Makes Me Wanna Holler*.

The weekend will also include a Congressional Black Caucus forum with panelists Maxine Waters, Carol Mosley-Braun, Kwesi Mfume and a poetry reading which will showcase the works of Howard University students. It will

also feature LaVeda, a performance poet from Florida.

Owens said that a jazz concert is also scheduled and that the assembly is still in the process of confirming such artists as Rachelle Farrel, Roy Hargrove and Cassandra Wilson.

UGSA will also be sponsoring a bus trip to Atlanta on Oct. 28 through the 30th (the weekend usually reserved for Homecoming festivities) for the Howard University vs. Morehouse College football game.

"The cost of the trip will be minimal, and students will only be responsible for their hotel expenses," Owens said.

The Howard University Student Association and UGSA will be holding the Mr. Howard Pageant on Sept. 29th. The programs director emphasizes these are the only events that have been planned for the fall.

"There is a lot more to look forward to during the spring semester," Owens added.

Omar Karim, the Undergraduate Trustee, has been busy setting his

own agenda for the 94-95 year.

"My goal is to ensure that the students are empowered," said Karim. "The students' number one concern is financial aid and registration. Therefore, the University should make financial aid and registration its number one priority," Karim said.

The Undergraduate Trustee plans to raise \$1 million, 60% of which will be used for student scholarships, and 40% will go toward building a new science and engineering center.

Members of UGSA and HUSA encourage the involvement of all Howard University students.

"We are definitely looking for anyone who wants to help. If you have ideas for programs that you want to see implemented just let us know," Owens said.

Brett Allen, UGSA public relations director, said, "As students, we should not only care about going to class and making the grade but about changing and contributing to our university. We can do this by becoming involved in student government."

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Do you think students should have a say in the University's presidential search?



Trace Rutherford  
Columbia, SC  
Junior  
Biology

"Yes, I think students should know what's going on because the president is a representative of the University. So, students should definitely have a say in the selection process."



Robert Hubbard  
Akron, OH  
Sr. Mathematics

"Yes, because we do not want someone in office whose views students, as a whole, don't agree with."



Lisa Smith  
Chicago, IL  
Junior  
Mathematics

"I believe if students have a say in who the next president is, the relationship between us and the president would be a much better one."



Todd Triplett  
Chicago, IL  
Sophomore  
Graphic Design

"We, as students of Howard, being the school's main foundation, should have a say in every University matter, especially the office of the president. We are the key to the success of this University."



Nandi Wesley  
Mt. Clair, NJ  
Sophomore  
Radio Broadcasting

"The president of the school is OUR president, so why shouldn't we have a say in who runs our school. We're the ones who pay the money. If it wasn't for us, there would be no Howard."



Meshea Poore  
Charleston, W. VA  
Freshman  
Political Science

"Yes. We need to know what it is and who it is we're getting. If we don't have a say in who our president is, then we don't have a say in our education."

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# LOCAL

## District schools open after three day delay

By Ruby Mays  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Parent and Teachers Association President stood outside Benjamin Banneker Senior High School to greet students and parents as they entered the building to begin the first day of school.

Titra Whitted and her friend Gerria Battle both attend Banneker Senior High School and were more than happy at the three-day delay mandated by the school board.

"I had more time to get school supplies and organize," Battle said. "The first day (of school) is a lot of work plus I enjoyed working with my mentee over the summer."

Even with the delay Whitted came back with a new resolve for the upcoming school year.

"This year, I will be more focused...in an academic school you

have to," Whitted said.

Banneker High School was just one of the many District schools that finally opened its doors to students Monday after a delay due to uncorrected fire code violations. Students had different reactions to the late opening, but most agreed that it was needed.

This was the first year that Banneker had broken its tradition of opening school a day before the district-wide date but, unlike the pictures portraying angry, disgruntled students and parents because of the delayed opening, the portrait of Banneker was "organized and impressive with only eight absences and 175 parents at orientation," Principal Linette M. Adams said.

"We are thrilled to have school open and students back in class," Adams commented.

However, a D.C. Superior Court judge would not allow 4 of the

all—have been reassigned to makeshift classrooms in churches,

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**—Michael Young, a computer specialist at Banneker**

city's schools to open because of life threatening fire code violations. These students—about 3,000 in

auditoriums and other schools around the District.

"Banneker was not in fire

violation. We could have opened because we were clear and ready,"

Adams said while taking a quick break from the hustle and bustle in her office.

According to Adams, a kitchen violation was the only major problem that Banneker had.

"We corrected our violations by replacing all interior doors and our kitchen was corrected in the summer," Adams added.

But some students felt that it was an inconvenience to keep all schools closed for the few schools that still had fire code violations.

"The delay in the opening put me back," Michael Young, a computer specialist at Banneker

said. "It wasn't right to close schools...for the few that weren't able to open, the board should have

let the schools free of violation open."

Tomika McCain, a sophomore also felt the schools should have opened their doors on time.

"I was ready to go back...the summer was long and boring," McCain said.

Even though some students did not like the late opening they felt it was necessary.

"I didn't like the late opening, but I understand why they (the school board) did it," Jerome Johnson, a junior at Banneker said.

Sophomore Jerrienne Anthony said she enjoyed working at Banneker, this summer. But once her job ended she became bored.

"I was excited about school opening. I was eager and prepared," Anthony said.

## Black family reunion creates atmosphere of unity



African art work available for purchase

By Rasheeda Crayton  
Hilltop Staff Writer

So overwhelming was the sight of the thousands of Black people sharing information and good times at last weekend's ninth annual Black family reunion, that all freshman Marquelle Powell could say was, "Wow!"

Powell, like most people who attended the event, enjoyed the Reunion's peaceful, pleasant atmosphere.

Tinisha Jackson, a jazz studies major, said she enjoyed the "positive feel and positive message being sent out."

One factor that helped give the Black Family Reunion that atmosphere was its similarity to a real family reunion; it provided many with the opportunity to see people they had not seen in a while.

Howard alumnus Thomas Davis said that seeing so many old friends was a real highlight of the event.

Alia Hisham, a freshman



Local talent performing at YSB/BET booth

majoring in communication sciences also enjoyed getting to see many of her former classmates.

"I've run into a lot of friends from high school," Hisham said.

The site of the event, the Washington monument grounds, was covered with pavilions providing information or vending merchandise. Two that were perpetually crowded were those that held the WKYS-A.J. Productions talent showcase and the Health Pavilion.

Alvin Jones of A.J. Productions said he was pleased with the turnout. However he was disappointed that more local talent could not be presented.

"We had so much talent that couldn't be showcased. It's unfortunate, but if we had a week, we couldn't show case all the talent we had," Jones said.

April Washington, a sophomore at Park View High School, enjoyed the talent showcase. She said, while standing in line waiting for an autograph from one of the showcased performers, Brian Moore, that she had spent the better portion of her day in that pavilion watching the talent.

The health pavilion provided a number of free services. Everything from acupuncture to blood pressure testing was performed. Freshman

biology major, Crystal Matthews had her stress levels measured at the pavilion.

After it was discovered that her levels were high, she was given brochures and information on stress management.

The Howard University Hospital sponsored a booth where blood glucose and cholesterol levels were measured. Howard University Medical student, Kirsten Bray said this was a good idea.

"Black people don't have a tendency to follow the nutritional guidelines they should. People should try to get their cholesterol and glucose levels checked by their doctor, or at least by something like this," Bray said.

People greatly enjoyed the pavilions that were offering free services. "Five-A-Day For Better Health" let passers-by taste a variety of collard green recipes. On Saturday, AT&T, in the spirit of a true family reunion, offered a limited number of passers-by to stop and make a free long distance

phone call to anyone they wanted to.

Jansport Gear offered a three sided model "Mount Everest" for thrill seeking attendees to climb. Those who successfully climbed all three sides of the roughly fifteen foot tall model won a free Jansport t-shirt. Tinisha Jackson, who climbed the mountain on a dare from friends said of the experience "It was great!"

The concerts provided free entertainment for the evening. Saturday's concert featured artists El DeBarge, CeCe Penniston, Raven Symone, and Tanya Blount with guest appearances by Donni Simpson of Video Soul and Duan Martin of Above the Rim.

Robert McNeil, a senior majoring in early childhood education, and his companion Dawn McNeil enjoyed the Reunion and echoed the sentiments of many who attended.

"We're really enjoying ourselves," said McNeil. "It seems to be a great event."

## Adams Morgan Day provides food and fun

By Nikki Credic  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The smell of caribbean dishes, chinese egg rolls and other exotic foods filled the air at the 17th annual Adams Morgan Day last weekend. Hundreds of people filled the streets and participated in the games and activities offered at the booths.

Terrence Bethea was at the festival to enjoy the food.

"Every year I come to experience the many different foods offered," Bethea said. "I enjoy the dishes from South America and the Caribbean."

Kia Baskerville, a senior at University of the District of Columbia also finds the wide variety of foods suitable to her tastes.

"I like the Chinese, Greek, and African dishes offered during Adams Morgan Day," Baskerville said.

"It's a little less congested compared to last year's event," said Regina Russell, a representative from Old Town Trolley Tours of Washington.

This year's event attracted a large crowd, but there were less people than anticipated. This could be attributed to the Black Family Reunion taking place on the Washington Monument Grounds on the same day.

Marilyn Sims, a native of D.C., said, "the past Adams Morgan



Performers entertain at Adams Morgan Day

events were terribly congested. You could barely walk in the streets. I think this Adams Morgan Day event has been cut back and more contained for safety purposes, because the police had a hard time controlling the crowds from the past events."

Baskerville felt the smaller crowd allowed for a more enjoyable time.

"Everyone is more relaxed and they're trying to enjoy the atmosphere," Baskerville said. "There's also a better mix of people this year compared to past years."

Adams Morgan Day offered a variety of activities for people of all ages. Music of all types such as R&B, reggae, blues and salsa entertained the crowds throughout the day. Meanwhile, clowns

delighted the young and young at heart and face painters designed the faces of willing customers.

A seniors' games tournament featuring dominos, cards and checkers was also available to those with a desire for some friendly competition.

A puppet show sponsored by Colgate Toothpaste offered parents and kids a chance to rest their feet before heading off for more fun with the carnival games and rides.

Participants in the events also got to walk away with an armload of prizes.

Regina Hall, a sophomore at Howard, tried her luck at the spinning wheel prize game sponsored by AT&T, and won a bag of goodies containing various



People enjoy the many ethnic foods offered during the festivities

AT&T products.

Adams Morgan Day also offered many vendors the opportunity to attract prospective buyers for their arts and crafts.

Warren Green, one of the many vendors that lined the streets, said, "I sell Deco art, do custom framing and woodworking, and this is my fourth year participating in Adams Morgan Day."

Green said that this year's smaller crowd hurt his business. "This year's event has not brought me as much business as the past events. People are coming to participate more in the festive activities than to spend their money."

## What's Happening in D.C.

September 17th

### African Cultural Festival

Noon-7 p.m. Freedom Plaza  
Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
(between 13th & 14th)

### Rape Awareness Week

6 p.m.-10 p.m. TAKE BACK THE NIGHT  
Rally and March  
Dupont Circle Park

September 19th

### African History and Culture Series

7 p.m. "African Beginnings of Humankind"  
Carter Ward, Presenter  
Watha Daniel Library  
8th and Rhode Island, N.W.

September 20th

### "A Celebration of the Universe Story"

Noon Author Diane Sherwood  
Martin Luther King  
Main lobby

### Self-Defense Workshops for Women

6 p.m.-8 p.m. John Hopkins School of Advanced  
International Studies,  
Herter Room, 1740 Massachusetts,  
N.W.  
Instructor: Marty Langelan

September 21st

### Alcohol and Sexual Violence in the College Community

6 p.m.-8 p.m. UDC Auditorium, Bldg. 44, Room A03

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# NATIONAL

## AmeriCorps gives young adults a chance to turn community service into college tuition

By Linda Jones  
Hilltop Staff Writer

After a three hour delay, the soulful lyrics of "Sounds of Blackness" serenaded the eagerly awaiting young adults, who for the next year or two, will volunteer in America's communities as part of President Clinton's national service program—AmeriCorps.

"[The AmeriCorps program] is one of the most important reasons Bill Clinton ran for president," First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said.

President Clinton swore in the first members of AmeriCorps on Monday, a domestic version of the Peace Corps. With satellite links to 41 other sites from Alaska to Florida, Clinton swore in youth participating in states around the nation.

"I will get things done for America—to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier. I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities. Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek

common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere," the 20,000 volunteers recited.

Their voices carried in unison across the lawn of the White House facing Pennsylvania Ave.

"I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond. I am an AmeriCorps member. And I'm going to get things done," the volunteers repeated.

Corps members will run childhood immunization programs, build inner-city gardens, restore wildlife habitats, tutor students, and escort children and the elderly through high-crime areas.

For their dedicated service corps members will get minimum wages and vouchers worth \$4,725 a year to finance their college education, vocational training or to pay back their student loans.

After completing 11 months of volunteer service Connecticut native William Butler plans to use his \$4,000 stipend to finance a degree from the Manchester Community College. The 21-year-old is currently working with patients at the Veterans Affairs Hospital. He enjoys motivating the

patients to get out of bed.

"We talk to the people in the hospital and found out what they enjoyed doing before they came to the hospital. For example, one patient enjoyed fishing so we incorporated a fishing excursion into our activities," Butler said.

After Butler serves three months at the hospital, he will move to a different site for another three months. Three months is the maximum amount of time spent at each location.

Those who do not choose to use their money for college tuition or to pay off a school loan will receive \$2,000 at the conclusion of their volunteer term.

The need for college tuition is what drove most of these youth to volunteer their service. College tuition is becoming increasingly harder for families to afford, and America's communities are being plagued with violence and destruction. President Clinton claims to have taken notice when he campaigned in 1991. During his Inaugural Address, Clinton offered young people a chance to serve their country and earn money for

education in return.

"I challenge a new generation of young Americans to a season of service... There is so much to be done—enough, indeed, for millions of others who are still young in spirit to give of themselves in service too," Clinton said in his address.

According to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the President assigned Eli Segal as president and CEO for The Corporation for National and Community Service because he knows how to get things done and take charge.

The Corporation for National Service works as a venture capitalist in partnership with more than 350 programs in more than 700 communities around the country.

"AmeriCorps members are going to get things done all around this country. We're going to be saving babies in South Texas and raising reading scores in Seattle," Segal said. "We're going to be walking the New York Police Department beat in Brooklyn and patrolling Balboa park in San Diego."



President Clinton addresses AmeriCorp volunteers.

Photo by Linda Jones

## New legislation eases roller coaster fears

By Regina Mollison  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The next time you get on a roller coaster, you may hope for the ride of your life. But beware, the ride you get may not be what you expected.

Due to the rising number of injuries to amusement park patrons, recent legislation shows that the public must take responsibility for their own tragedies. The Ohio Responsibility Act gives park ride operators the authority to reprimand customers who are behaving inappropriately.

Anyone failing to follow this law will be subject to a \$100 fine for their first offense. The law will be enforced to those who fail to listen to warnings or in some way cause personal injury.

In Myrtle Beach, SC., a 17-year-old boy plunged to his death on July 20, 1991. Investigators said the boy was rocking in his seat on the Ferris Wheel after failing to listen to several warnings.

In the car with the boy was his 12-year-old sister and his 15-year-old friend.

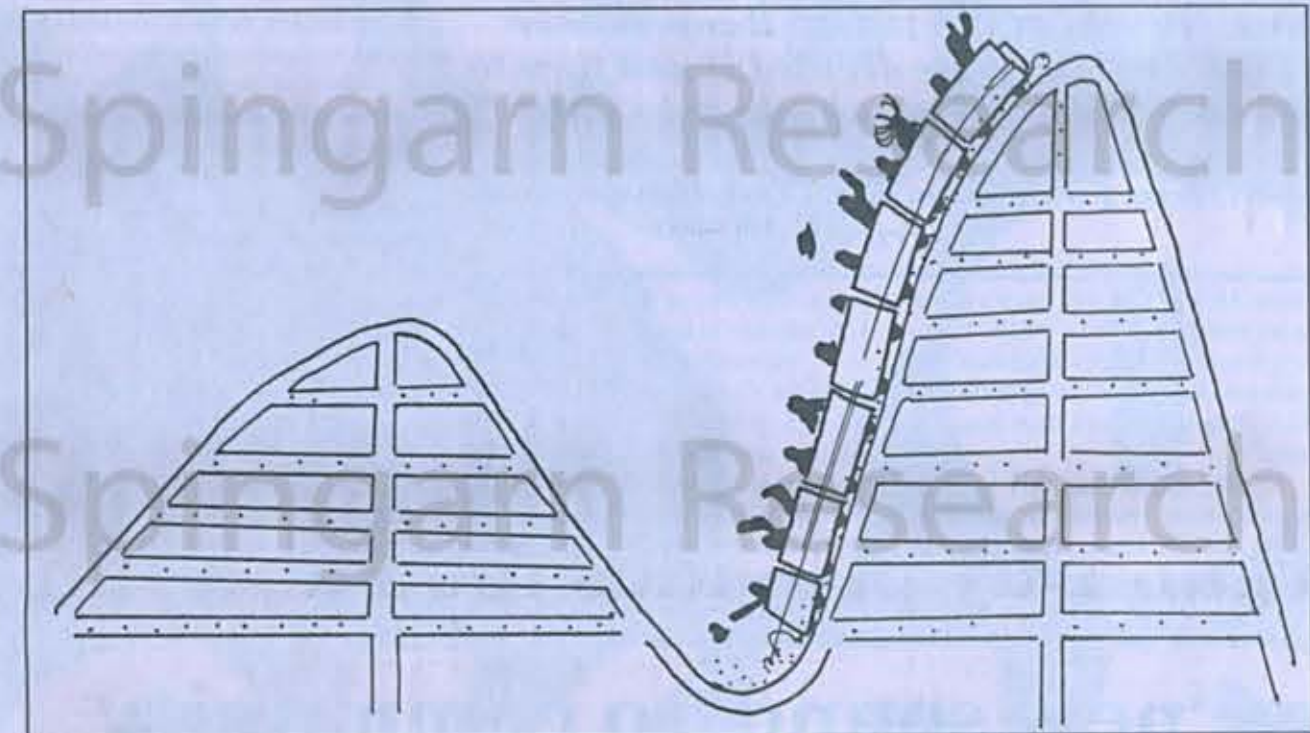
The seat was approximately 45-feet high when it flipped over and dumped everyone out. Park officials said they had no evidence of any problem with the ride and that this was a case of horsing around.

There was no horsing around when Toshika Livingston, 16, collapsed suddenly after riding a roller coaster at Rye Playland Amusement Park in 1990. According to eyewitnesses, Livingston had no apparent injuries during the ride, but fell unconscious after she rode the Wildcat. Livingston was rushed to United Hospital in New York where she later died. Park officials would not comment on the accident.

Tina Williams, 26, injured on the Cork Screw when she was 13-years-old, admits that some rides are "truly unsafe."

"I love roller coasters, but I absolutely go out of my way to avoid riding the Cork Screw. That ride is completely unsafe."

Williams was injured on the Cork Screw at Geauga Lake in Cleveland, Oh. and said the parks



should be held responsible for the safety of their customers. She remembered how her head was jerked backward and forward, causing something in her jaw to crack.

"Ever since the incident I refuse to ride," she repeated.

According to Dyann Lynch, Geauga Lake, the rides are inspected every morning before the park opens and every evening after the park closes. Within the 106 years the park has been in operation, no accident reports have

been filed.

However, this was not the case with another Ohio park. At Kings Island Amusement Park near Cincinnati, a design flaw was responsible for the death of Candy Taylor in 1991, according to a state investigation. The coroner's report

showed Taylor was diagnosed with acute ethanol intoxication.

There are some people who just want to have a good time at amusement parks and do not always think about safety.

"I don't think about the consequences," Chemistry Major Duane Monteith said. Monteith admits temporary parks do worry him, but the only thing on his mind at a major theme park is having a good time.

Kanika Johnson, a political science major, has never had a bad experience at an amusement park. She said she does think about the roller coaster derailing, and she gets very much excited and nervous at the same time.

"I don't trust wooden roller coasters," Johnson said.

The state of Ohio has put into effect The Rider Responsibility Law. Tennessee, New Jersey and Illinois are trying to adopt the law as well. Tennessee state representative Peggy Knight is working to pass the law because she feels there is not enough legislation to ensure the safety of the riders.

## Veteran pilot crashes airplane into White House South Lawn grounds



Ronald Noble, Under Secretary for Enforcement

By Linda Jones  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Frank Eugene Corder was pronounced dead at 3:45 a.m. after his single engine plane crashed on the South Lawn of the White House on Monday.

The 39-year-old White male from Hartford, Md. apparently stole the plane at 7:30 p.m. Sunday night from Hartford. He followed 17th

Street downtown and then made a wide hook turn into the White House.

By 2:45 p.m., a room full of reporters prepared their inquiries for the nation's top security officers. After moments of anticipation, the camera men stopped setting-up and the anxious reporters stopped rustling in their seats when Dee Dee Meyers, President Clinton's press secretary, approached the podium. Meyers did not speak long, she simply introduced Ronald K. Noble, Under Secretary for Enforcement.

Noble gave little to no facts pertaining to the crash. He warned reporters that they would probably leave frustrated with him because he was not going to divulge any information classified as security specific. Rather than provide information that may later be found inaccurate, Noble preferred to wait until his report has been completed in 90 days.

"There will be two phases of inquiry into the aircraft crash that took place at the White House,"

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said.

According to Bentsen, the Secret Service, the FBI, the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board and the Metropolitan Police Department have combined their resources to investigate the incident and pursue appropriate law enforcement action. For the present time, the Secret Service will coordinate public information on the investigation.

"Second, I have asked Ronald K. Noble, Under Secretary for Enforcement, and Eljay Bowron, Director of the Secret Service, to lead a thorough review of the procedures used to protect the President and first family in such incidents," Bentsen said.

The review will be coordinated with the White House and all relevant federal, state and local agencies, and will call upon the advice of outside experts if necessary.

"Nothing is more important to me and to the Secret Service than

the protection of the President, the Vice President and their families, and I expect that this comprehensive review will help the Secret Service carry out this mission," Bentsen said.

"As I am sure everyone can appreciate, it has long been standard practice at the Treasury Department and the Secret Service not to comment on the security measures surrounding the protection of the President and first family. Any comment on the security procedures used by the Secret Service would run directly contrary to their protective responsibilities."

The press, who desperately wanted both Bentsen and Noble to comment on the pilots mental history and police record, left the 20-minute press conference with no more insight than they had when they arrived. Bentsen said that Corder had a police record and a history of mental illness.

"Alcoholism is classified as mental illness," Bentsen said.

## Congressmen get death threats



Congressman Charles Rangel

By Jonathan Wharton  
Hilltop Staff Writer

New York City Democratic Representative Charles Rangel, a senior Black member, and Jose Serrano, chairman of the Hispanic Congressional Caucus, have received death threats from the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation because of their strong support to lift the 30-year-old Cuban economic embargo.

According to Rangel, Jorge Mas Canosa, the CANF's leader who wishes to oust President Fidel Castro, showed up unexpectedly this past spring at Rangel's Harlem district office threatening him with a jar of honey.

"I had an appointment with a Dominican constituent, and when the guy walks in so does Mas Canosa. He told me, 'You can take the honey and enjoy it, or you can get hit in the head with the jar,'" Rangel said.

Rangel did not take the threat seriously.

"I just thought it was obnoxious, arrogant and some sort of Cuban folklore stuff," Rangel said even though he still notified the FBI.

CANF spokesman Jose Cardenas commented that the threats Rangel claimed were "all politics."

"It's a way of undermining the credibility of the Cuban-American community," Cardenas said. "[Rangel and his staff] knew [Mas Canosa] was coming. I don't know anything about a honey jar."

A series of anonymous messages were later left at Rangel and Serrano's offices.

"These things unfortunately happen from time to time to public and private officials at all levels of government and society. Nevertheless, they have not had and will not have any impact on my representational responsibility and they have been conveyed to appropriate officials," Serrano said in his only statement to the media.

Rangel also felt threatened when Jonathan Slade, a lobbyist from CANF, approached him during a fund-raiser.

"The lobbyist made it abundantly clear that Mas Canosa did not want to support anyone against me [for the election], that he really wanted to help," Rangel stated.

But the deal would be good only if Rangel dropped his position on Cuba. According to a New York Post interview, Rangel rejected the idea of using FBI agents for security.

"It's a pain in the ass to be followed around by the FBI," he said.

Yet law officials, including the Capitol Police, have been keeping an increased watch on both lawmakers.

## AROUND THE NATION

**Benjamin Hooks, former NAACP executive director**, was stable Sunday after quadruple heart bypass surgery at Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans. Hooks, 69, checked in after complaining of chest pains. "My husband is resting comfortably, and we are very encouraged he will make a full recovery," Frances Hooks said.

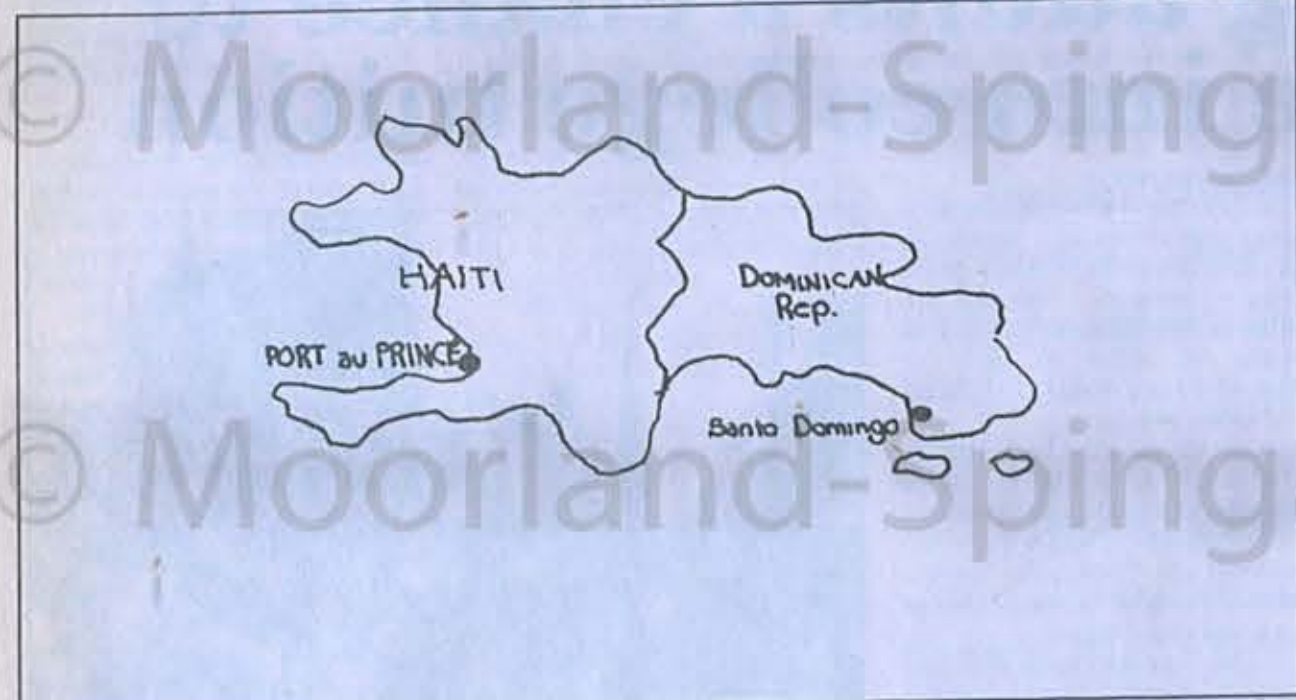
**A prayer by Clarence Thomas** rescued his Supreme Court nomination, according to Missouri Republican Senator John Danforth. Danforth said that just before Thomas made his final defense before the Senate Judiciary Committee, he and his wife, Ginni, joined Danforth and his wife, Sally, in the restroom of Danforth's office. After they prayed and listened to a tape of Onward Christian Soldiers, Thomas marched to the committee room and gave a forceful statement that rescued his nomination.

**Rodney King's lawyers** want more than \$4 million for working on his civil lawsuit in which a jury awarded King \$3.8 million compensatory damages but no punitive award. City lawyers said the bills are too high. A federal judge will consider the bills Sept. 26.



# INTERNATIONAL

## Haitians fall victim to dwindling resources



BY Patricia Hardin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In Haiti, the fall of each night marks an end to another unbearable day of poverty,

starvation and death for many of its citizens.

Joanne Kehoe, (program associate for the Washington Office on Haiti, said the price for rice and

other goods have more than doubled. Conditions are so bad that people must use whatever means they have to survive.

"The people have no running

water and the Haitians use sewage water to wash and do laundry," Kehoe said.

In Port-Au-Prince and other neighboring cities, the people must forgo what the current embargo has denied them access to.

According to Howard University Professor of Economics, Rodney Green, there is a great need for basic necessities of food and clothing.

"[The Haitian] diet has gotten worse; in many cases, the people are basically starving to death. They can't work or get food," Green said.

As prices for basic necessities sky-rocket, people remain at the mercy of the black market for many goods.

"Definitely the most significant impact on the Haitian people has been prices," said Mike Levy, a consultant at the International Office for President Aristide.

Fuel is also scarce. And without gasoline, Haitian workers who rely on automobiles to travel to work

must find other ways to get there.

Levy added that the Haitian military will not allow the fuel that the country does have to be released. This caused major problems for local hospitals which use fuel powered generators to store vaccines.

"The primary victims are the working class," Green said. "In a sense the embargo attacked the poor people of Haiti, not the land owning elite. The attack was supposed to be aimed at the government, but the poor people have felt the effects the most."

Without resources coming in, Haiti is virtually stagnant and large scale layoffs grip the country. There are no imports or exports; therefore, industries are virtually non-existent. The only source of income for many comes from what they raise in the fields.

Levy further explained many Haitians are finding it hard to work their land because of the lack of people.

"If you have a person working

in the fields and they go into hiding, there's no income for the family. Both men and women have been sought after for persecution for supporting the nationwide reform movement," Levy said.

Many believe that the U.N. embargo has done more harm to the Haitian people than good. TransAfrica Information Specialist, Mwiza Munthali, said the embargo should not have been done in stages, but all at once.

"[The embargo] was not targeted properly. It should have been targeted at the military; it was done too slowly," Munthali said.

Steven Noerper, the Haitian Reconstruction Fund executive director, agrees that the embargo is not the best solution to the crisis, especially if the embargo is enacted poorly.

"My argument is that poor sanctions never work. Even though the U.S. is doing a good job, a lot of things are flowing from the Dominican Republic," Noerper said.

## Failed mission raises questions

By Joseph F. Glasco  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The United Nations' recent decision to withdraw its peacekeeping forces from Somalia has resulted in the closure of the American Embassy there for what U.S. officials called "continued security problems."

U.N. leadership has been blamed for the failed military operation of Desert Hope. This is because of the refusal of the United Nations' Organization for Somalia (UNOSOM II) to seek active participation from warring Somalia factions in a disarmament process aimed at creating long-term peace in the region.

Since the enactment of resolution U.N. 794, which called for the development of "a secure environment for the delivery of humanitarian relief," improvements in the flow of food have been slow in coming to the war-torn Somalia refugees.

"There should have been more coordination with local Somalia

organizations and clan leaders," said Mwiza Munthali, the information specialist of

peacekeeping mission were evidenced by the deaths of 18 U.S. Army Rangers. This military unit

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**—Melvin Foote from the Constituency For Africa**

TransAfrica. "If it had been a better coordinated effort with these legitimate leaders shaping the process, the cost of the operation in U.S. lives lost would have been far less."

He added that this lack of coordination resulted in mistakes made by UN forces that made the Somalis mistrust the UN.

The security problems experienced by U.S. soldiers on the

constitutes one of the first lines of U.S. offense in areas of conflict.

According to Melvin Foote from the Constituency For Africa, the U.S. policy of arms trade with African countries is to blame for the well-armed Somali contingent.

"We helped create the situation we have today because many of the weapons used over there now are U.S. weapons," he said. "The U.S. took a severe public opinion loss in

the deaths of the 18 U.S. Rangers over there, and Congress decided it was time to go over and 'kick some butt,' so to speak."

Foote also said that this was a reaction by those who see Africa as ineffective and unable to take care of the continent's many problems.

"American politics responds to Africa's plights with pity because of images of starving babies not because of genuine concern for African people," he said.

Foote also said that foreign policy and welfare of Africans should not be the only two reasons for U.S. intervention, and that there should be careful consideration about the future role of American business in the region, and a concern for what political constituencies in each state feel.

As U.S. intervention continues to increase in Africa, some wonder what post-invasion responsibility, if any, the U.S. has to these countries.

"We back away from any serious commitments and we pay the price for it," Foote said.

## Glance Around the World

### Cairo, Egypt

In its second week of heated debate at the UN population conference the Vatican has decided not to make any objections to the proposed measure concerning abortion, presented on September 10. Despite pressing concerns that abortion will become a recognized method of controlling the mass growth in population, Vatican delegate Monsignor Diarmuid Martin decided to support the proposal. But he did stop short of completely endorsing the compromise, stating that only parts of the measure would receive his support. The Vatican has, therefore, agreed to support paragraph 8.25 of the measure which details the need for proper medical care to women who suffer abortion complications.

### New York

The United States has agreed to accept 20,000 Cubans annually, in exchange for an official pledge that Cuba will do all it can to keep its citizens from leaving the country on rafts. Members from the Clinton Administration said they will closely monitor Cuba to ensure the country keeps its part of the bargain. Secretary of State Michael Skol, who is the Chief U.S. negotiator, said U.S. plans to implement the agreement will depend on human traffic across the Straits of Florida.

### Beijing, China

After taking steps to improve relations with Taiwan, the Clinton Administration now faces threats from China. Chinese officials warned the U.S. that any further involvement with Taiwan may jeopardize relations with China.

Chinese officials said U.S. relations with Taiwan are in direct violation of the "One-China" position that the U.S. adopted. This position states that the United States would not become involved with Taiwan.

### Angola

The Civil War in Angola may come to an end as a result of concessions made by Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi. Rebel leaders and government officials are scheduled to meet by the end of the month to sign a peace agreement. U.S. military officials shall oversee the signing.

### Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Striking oil workers have returned to their jobs after failing to make the Nigerian government release opposition leader Mooshood Abiola, who is currently in prison.

The strike began after the military in Nigeria refused to acknowledge Abiola as the winner of Presidential elections. He was then arrested and charged with treason.

## Band brings 'new sound' to community



African Majestic Funks in Concert

By Arthur O. Mantle  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The evening was a psychological repatriation of beating drums, sweating dancers rotating their pelvises in traditional grass skirts and an expressive singer with his message of peace, love and unity, pulling in his listeners with a "new

sound."

The African Majestic Funks band (AMF) is unknown to the small African-American Madison-Gorgia Avenue neighborhood where it played at the Emory Recreation Center on September 7th.

"It provided a chance for youths to hear music which reflected their cultural heritage other than 'go-go'

music," said Michael Licht, a folklorist for the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

According to Licht, the program funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts, was part of a series of free concerts spotlighting West African, Latin American, Caribbean and traditional gospel artists.

Mark Puryear, a musicology student at University of Maryland was impressed with the performance.

"This was a positive attempt to bring the music to local communities, to expose new artists and to inform people of other cultures," Puryear said.

Jude Uche Nkpado, the founder and lead singer of the band, stressed the need for events like these which broaden Americans' limited knowledge of Africa.

"Some Americans think that Africa is a jungle and everyone lives in mudhuts with no indoor plumbing or electricity. They are sometimes surprised when I tell



them that there are parts of Africa, like Nigeria, where I'm from, that are as industrialized as the United States," he said.

This ignorance about Africa has inspired Nkpado to write songs aimed at dispelling myths and misconceptions that many people hold toward Africa. This is reflected in the band's current single, "Africa Style," which celebrates Africa's history, heritage

and lifestyle.

Nkpado describes the band's "new sound" as "a mixture of African rhythms, reggae, calypso, rap and hip-hop" which the group calls "Afropop."

When he came to Washington, Nkpado thought Americans could not relate nor dance to African music and therefore, changed the style from traditional African music. Working with Jamaican-born singer Carl Malcolm, this new sound was created.

The band and dancers have performed in over 30 states with their most prestigious accomplishment being at the World Cup USA '94 victory celebrations.

The AMF band members also include guitarist Peter Ruffon from France; guitarist Asomugha Diosdada "Franco" from Nigeria; keyboard players "Fortune" and "Francis" from Nigeria and Ghana; Phil Haz on electric bass from Saudi Arabia; Washingtonian Annetta Malcolm on drums and American-born Jeff Price on saxophone.

The AMF dancers are equally international: Jamaican-born Maggie Modest, the choreographer; Joslyn Golpin and Karla Hammond, native Washingtonians. The AMF dancers incorporate West African dance techniques into the group's performances.

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# BUSINESS

## Violence continues to plague America's work force

By Tina Johnson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Sept. 10, in Dearborn, Mich., an employee of the Ford Motor company entered a union meeting and opened fire, killing two of his co-workers and wounding two others. This and other incidents of violence in the workplace continue to baffle employers, employees and law enforcement.

According to a Department of Justice report released in July, one in six violent crimes occur in the workplace. The report is from a study based on an analysis of workplace crime from 1987-1992 gathered through the National Criminal Victimization Survey of the United States.

The survey classified crimes as rape, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, personal theft and motor vehicle theft. According to the report, the workplace is the scene of almost one million violent crimes every year.

When asked at what workplace did the most violence or crime occur, many Howard University students said the post office.

"That is really not true," said Postal Inspector Larry Prior of the D.C. Postal Service. The last shooting was in May 1993, and it wasn't local. There has never been anything like that happening locally."

According to Prior, in the 1994 calendar year, the most violent crimes in the Washington division have been three or four robberies,

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**—Sandra Tangri**

in which no one was hurt.

Crime in the workplace, however, is not isolated to the post office. According to the Justice Department study, six out of 10

incidents of workplace crime occur in private companies. That includes our own backyard, Howard University Professor Sandra Tangri said.

"Howard is not immune to crime and theft involving faculty. In the past, a lot of the crime was theft of personal and professional property, including computers, etc. There was even an incident of money for research being stolen," Tangri added.

The Justice Department reported that crime victimization occurring in the workplace cost about half a million employees almost two million days of work each year; an average of 3.5 days per crime. Several factors may contribute to the high numbers.

"Stress is a major factor," sophomore Katrice Mines said. "People let the pressure of work and society build up in them until they can't take anymore and they end up taking it out on the job in the form

of assaults, thefts, etc. Then again, there are those jobs that are just dangerous, like law enforcement."

Because of the startling statistics, many businesses are taking precaution and becoming more aware by offering stress management classes as well as making security tighter. As a result of the post office incident, postal officials are more aware and have a high priority of investigating any incident that is reported.

They also have a counseling service available to employees who have been victims on the job. Security has also been increased. However, as Prior said, "Irregardless of what security a facility has, if a person wants to get in and steal or whatever, they will do anything they can to do it."

## Computer users compare Macintosh, IBM Compatibles

By Kendra F. Commander  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Computers have enabled society to do almost anything from just about anywhere. From finding out the weather in another state to simply designing a spreadsheet, it can be done quickly and easily and top competitors Macintosh and the makers of IBM compatibles race to provide unmatched performance.

Macintosh and IBM compatibles have been the leading computer systems in mainstream America for the past several decades and as society becomes more advanced, so do these systems. Ranging in price

from \$1,000 to well above \$3,000 the market demand for computers has become overwhelming.

"IBM compatibles are currently selling better than the Macintosh," according to Circuit City computer salesman Mohammad Hamilton. "It's simply because more people have IBM's and it's easier if you buy a compatible system."

Many companies choose to combine both Macintosh and IBM compatibles in order to have the advantages of both systems. But most companies use a standard IBM compatible.

"I prefer IBM compatibles because it is so easy to find compatible software, and in

corporate America, it is rarely that you find a company without an IBM compatible system," Thomas Span, a corporate businessman said.

The computer market is so saturated that people find it virtually impossible to choose one that best fits their needs.

According to computer expert and Washington Post columnist John Gilroy, "The Macintosh is better for publishing and the IBM for general use. For students I would recommend the IBM."

"When looking for a computer, I advise students to go to a pawn shop and pay cash," Gilroy said.

Macintosh, which is known for its stunning graphics and IBM, for its advanced software, have joined with Motorola to design the Power Macintosh 8100/80, the fastest

Macintosh computer ever. Macintosh is now also able to offer the compatibility of other systems.

While the Howard University bookstore now only offers Macintosh, it hopes to be able to offer students IBM compatibles in a few weeks.

"We can sell students these systems for the lowest price anywhere. However, we have had a hard time trying to find a distributor who will offer us low cost DOS based machines," bookstore computer salesman Mykl Gormley said.

"Students find Macintosh to be easy to use," Gormley said. "I like to show students that there's a lot more you can do with a computer than just homework."

The future of Macintosh and IBM compatibles definitely rest on



their abilities to come up with the flexibility and expandability necessary to build a firm foundation for society's ever growing computing needs.

## Universities stress importance of MBA

By Dorothy J. Brown  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The competition in today's workplace and the need to have an extra edge are some of the reasons why Howard University students feel that they need to pursue a Masters of Business Administration Degree.

But potential MBA candidates must consider certain entry requirements to graduate schools such as the Graduate Management Admission Test scores, grade point average, and varied life experiences.

In 1993, U.S. News & World Report listed Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, and Northwestern University as the top five Graduate Schools of Business in the country. These rankings were determined by student selectivity, placement success, graduation rate and reputation.

"Ultimately, the credibility of a graduate school's program rests on its ability to deliver jobs," Mary Lord of U.S. News & World Report said.

Ninety-five percent of the 1993 class coming out of the number one ranked Stanford Business School landed jobs within three months of graduation at a median starting salary of \$65,000.

This is an indication of how job placement sometimes rest with a school's reputation and the value of

a school's MBA in the job market. Interestingly, none of the top 50 schools listed in U.S. News & World Report were predominately Black institutions.

"Even though Howard's MBA program is not ranked in the top 50, our focus will be to enhance the MBA program and increase the value of a Howard MBA," Howard University's MBA program coordinator Dr. Charles Ermer said.

One of the criteria for many Graduate Schools of Business is life or work experiences.

"I worked in the corporate environment for two years. This was beneficial because I was able to distinguish certain theories that are not applicable in the workplace," 1993 MBA Health Services Administration graduate Karen Pratt said.

Most Graduate Schools of Business accept students with a wide range of undergraduate majors.

Dr. Ermer noted that at Howard University, a little more than 50 percent of those enrolled in the MBA program were business undergraduate majors.

"Personally, I would like to see more students with undergraduate degrees in social sciences," Ermer said. "They are good for the corporate environment. We're trying to focus on career opportunities, not academic disciplines."

## HUSBDC enhances minority business

By Shaune Jackson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Inspired by the need to help improve the status of minority and other small businesses in the Washington, D.C. area, the Howard University Small Business Development Center has been an important aide for many business owners and managers in the metropolitan area.

Established in 1979, the HUSBDC has been providing management, counseling and training to individuals who want to market their talents and open their own businesses.

Levi Lipscomb, acting director of the HUSBDC, said that the center offers free one-on-one counseling and low cost training programs to current and potential entrepreneurs.

"We have been providing managerial services and business techniques to 35,000 small businesses in the metropolitan area," Lipscomb said.

The HUSBDC, which is funded by the United States Small Business Association and Howard University, has several programs which assist business owners in getting established.

For Joan Talley, proprietor of Avenue Florists, the Business Development Certification Program offered through the HUSBDC, gave her knowledge on how to write a business outline for her company. She feels that it also helped her to learn various techniques needed to be competitive in the floral industry.

"I was able to research different aspects of the business market to see if my business was for me. I gained insight and focus on what I

needed to do to get started," Talley said.

The HUSBDC also offers an eight week

very instrumental in getting him started.

"[The HUSBDC] makes it their business to help your business grow. They foster the spirits of entrepreneurs and allow them to go out and start businesses without being afraid," Coleman said.

For many, the task of establishing a business is a great responsibility to undertake. There are sacrifices to make and risks to take. Every year, the HUSBDC honors some of these local and national entrepreneurs who have risked starting their own business at the "Salute to Blacks in Business" conference.

The conference brings current and aspiring entrepreneurs together in order to promote Black business enterprises. Don King, Earl Graves, Russell Simmons, and John H. Johnson have been past honorees and keynote speakers.

The HUSBDC also has other programs, some of which focus on area youth and low income residents. The Summer Youth Entrepreneurship program is a six week program designed to provide students with training in the fundamentals of starting a business and hands-on experience.

Although the HUSBDC is responsible for coordinating and managing activities outside of the University, Lipscomb said that he strongly encourages students to get involved especially since the workshops and other programs offered by the center are free to Howard University students.

"We want students to come by the center, check out the library, talk to employees and see what is involved in starting a business," Lipscomb said.



Levi Lipscomb, Acting Director  
Small Business Development Center

International Trade Certification Program which emphasizes entering the export/import market and appeals to students interested in international trade as a career.

Christopher Coleman, who owns a consulting firm, said that the HUSBDC was

## Entrepreneurial students earn money

By Shenikwa Stratford  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Eager Howard University entrepreneurs have started their own businesses, while still attending college.

"Reach for the top and don't give up," Darriek Young, a junior accounting major and Chief Executive Officer of the Versatile Management Group said.

The St. Louis native currently manages entertainers and plans to include athletes.

"I decided to start [my business] because I saw the condition of the Black community and wanted to be my own boss," Young said. "I could be independent and hire Black men and women."

Young's inspiration, Rock Newman, manager and promoter of boxer Riddick Bowe, is a close friend and mentor.

The junior admits that it is hard to maintain good grades while working. Therefore, he focuses on his studies first, and business second.

Kirk Francis values his studies as well. Francis, a junior majoring in telecommunications management, has owned and operated a fruit stand located on Fourth street near the Undergraduate Library.

"I sell in the mornings and go to class in the afternoons. I chose to open a fruit stand because

I am a vegetarian and like fruit," the Jamaican born vendor said.

Francis has hired fellow students to tend the stand while he is in class. He uses his weekly income of about \$500, as spending money. The ambitious entrepreneur hopes to someday own a radio station.

"It takes a lot of work, but it will definitely

**"Watch who you go into business with. It is not always feasible to do business with friends or family. Expect heartaches because nothing comes easy. It's all a part of the learning experience."**

**—John Bolden**

pay off," Francis said.

The Soul Food Joint located at 2008 Ninth Street is another Howard University student venture.

Accounting major John Bolden, political science major, Tracey Tramel, and finance major Brian Nichols, are all 1994 graduates who opened the Soul Food Joint restaurant in December of 1993.

The plans for the restaurant were originally made for an entrepreneurial contest that was sponsored by the Small Business Association. The idea, however, seemed so feasible to the trio that they decided to start the business instead of entering the contest.

"[This way] we could give back to the community," New York native Bolden said.

"Tracey does a little of everything," Bolden said. "She has a knack for getting what we need when we are in tight spots."

The 13-16 hour work days are rewarded by handsome profits.

"[We] wanted to make the menu relate to Blacks and to be more down to earth," Bolden explained.

The items on the Soul Food Joint's menu are named after characters from Black television sitcoms and Black movies. For example, they serve, Fat Albert's cheeseburgers, Shady Grady's 5 pieces of chicken and fries, Mother Jefferson's macaroni and cheese, and Dolomite Dynamite Deli Delight 8 piece wing special.

The trio plans to strengthen the business and possibly expand.

"Watch who you go into business with. It is not always feasible to do business with friends or family. Expect heartaches because nothing comes easy. It's all a part of the learning experience," Bolden commented.

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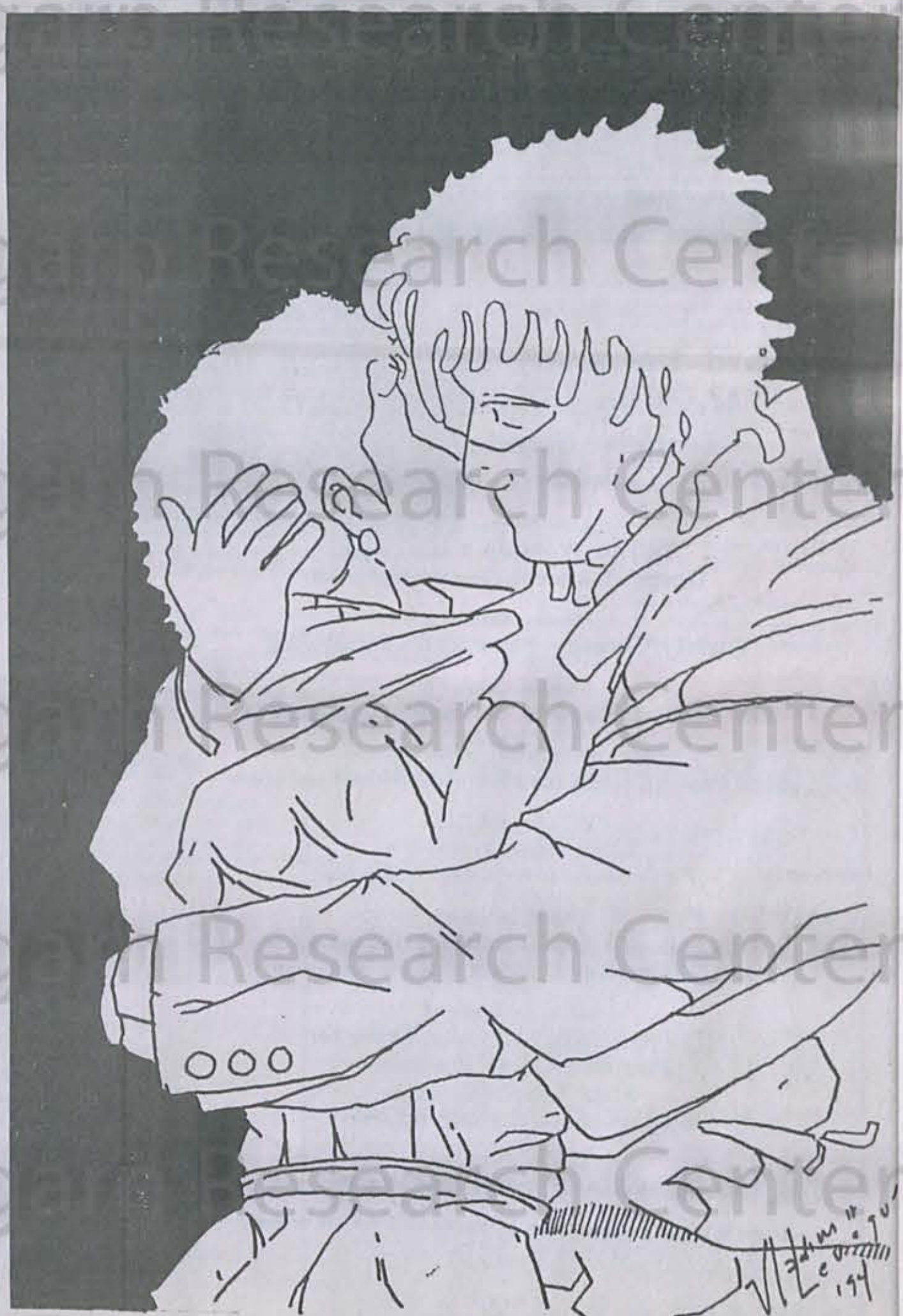


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Getting fit for a good cause

September is Sickle Cell Anemia month. This disease, which affects one out of twelve African Americans has no cure. It is an inherited blood condition which is due to abnormal hemoglobin in the red blood cells. Blood screenings are necessary in order to detect the sickle cell trait. The Howard University Center for Sickle Cell Disease screens the blood of Howard students and members of the surrounding community. You can support the efforts of the center by participating in this year's walk-a-thon, "Walk for a Cure." The event will take place on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m. Registration packets are being distributed at the Howard University Center for Sickle Cell Disease.

Move over Oprah!

With such show topics as "I Refuse to Date My Own Race," "I Let Him Cheat Because I Got Fat," and "Sorry, You're Not the Father of my Child," it is no wonder how talk show host Ricki Lake has catapulted her way to the top of the talk circuit and has a secure hold on college-aged viewers. "I was just hoping we'd do well enough to be asked back for another year," Lake said about the quick success of her show. "I signed a one year contract because I didn't know if I'd be staying," she added. With her recent ratings making her only second to Oprah Winfrey, Lake's show may be around a lot longer than what she originally expected.

-from The Washington Post

Best Sellers List

Hardcover Fiction

1. Sisters and Lovers by Connie Briscoe (Harper Collins)
2. Ugly Ways by Tina McElroy (Harcourt Brace)
3. Just As I Am by E. Lynn Harris (Doubleday)
4. Black Betty by Walter Mosley (W.W. Norton)
5. Urban Romance: A Novel of New York in the 80s by Nelson George (Putnam)

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1. Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America by Nathan McCall (Random House)
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-from Essence, Sept. 94

Fashion or facade?

By Russel Rickford  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hilfiger, Guess, Polo... at a midday glance, "the Yard" undulates with tides upon tides of these brand name wares. Although pricey and often impractical, the coveted labels plaster Bison backs and but-tocks and adorn the napes of their necks.

The result is a retail menagerie where tag-consciousness is chic.

"It's all about the grip," said sophomore Anthony Maynard on the University's fashion frenzy. "Slap a little horse on it and Howard University students will drop 'ninety bones' and more for a shirt," he said, referring to Ralph Lauren's line of clothing.

Maynard, who admits he has a weakness for Fila clothing, also points to students' feet as a sure indicator that it is prestigious to spend a small fortune on one's "fits." He cited "Nike Airs" and "Air Maxxes" (selling for as much as \$150 a pair) as gear that is sure to command respect on "the Yard."

"They didn't buy them because they perform on the track," he added.

But the pressure to be "en vogue" is not a burden that the brothers must bear alone.

"Girls around here feel they have to be 'to the T,'" said Tamelyn Carmon, a sophomore biology major from North Carolina. "A lot of people come here and want to be glamour girls, and they're not and they never were."

Many freshman women feel the impact of the University's lofty fashion standards even before they set foot on campus.

Kyna McCullough, a first-year biology major, was cautioned that she had better get



Photos by Leslyoy Alleyne

her "wardrobe together" when she told folks back home in North Carolina that she was headed for the Mecca.

Homecoming fashion show coordinators Sherin Hairston and Nickoria Hicks, both seniors, have a particularly informed outlook on the issue of Howard University's vanity fair.

"Some people really need the designer clothes, but I don't shop for labels at all," said Hicks.

Hairston added, "If you come up on 'the Yard' at nine in the morning, you won't see no fashion show. We'll be in our (Reebok) Classics with our jeans on."

Renee Jones of Jacksonville, Fla., also a senior, takes a less circum-spect stance on the issue.

"If we graduating seniors want to walk out on 'the Yard' butt naked with a loincloth, we're gonna do it!" she said.

Few students, however, feel this liberated.

Mohammed Bey, a sophomore studying film, believes that Howard University students' costly, cutting-edge garments

are worn in an attempt to cope with a harsh social reality.

"We're trying to emulate success, trying to project a picture of easy life," he said.

"You just want to walk past a n d



h a v e people whispering about you," admitted Bey, adding that many students will blow their book money in order to do so. "You get a nibble of the pie and you want to keep on nibbling."

Nevertheless, for a large seg-

ment of Howard University's population, keeping the weather off their backs remains the number one concern in purchasing clothing.

Lolita Cushenberry, a freshman majoring in physical therapy, is among them.

"I'm the exception because I don't give a damn," said Cushenberry.

"If it feels good and it don't ride up, I'm straight."

Black people too often feel that they have to

"front like they have money" to "over-compensate for the ills of poverty," said Stacey Steele, a native of Rochester, New York.

"I know brothers who ain't got no money, but they throw down Polo and Guess," Steele added.

But to say that materialism is a "Howard thing" is a misinterpretation.

This drive to present a facade is alive and well at Howard Uni-

versity and in the surrounding community as well.

"If you look outside H.U., some of the poorest people in D.C. will be driving the nicest cars," David Freeman, an electrical engineering major from Edgefield, South Carolina said.

According to John Weston, who graduated from the University in 1959, academics was the criteria by which H.U. swank was judged during the time of the Korean War.

"Black men wore a suit and tie with hard-soled shoes," Weston said. "The girls were flashing, but the emphasis was always on education."

Weston, a retired Library of Science employee and a graduate of the School of Music, could not fathom even a label-conscious streak on the campus of mid-century Howard University.

"What? With Mordecai Johnson around? No sir!"

Nevertheless, the Howard University of today teems with brothers and sisters who feel that they cannot pinch their pocket-books and remain fashionable.

Reflections

By LaWanda Stone

Great-grandmother teaches love and makes everything all right

Five years ago, I met the most beautiful woman in the world. Gliding inch by inch, she carried the wisdom of a lifetime on her delicate shoulders. I stared with amazement as her white hair sparkled like sequins, and her blue eyes accented her bronze complexion like sapphire jewels.

"Who is that lady," I asked my mother, as we sat at the funeral of a distant aunt in North Carolina.

"That is your great-grandmother Hilda," she said.

The room was packed with family, yet I still found it hard to believe that this precious being was a relative of mine. I felt angry and disappointed.

I did. So, after the initial shock wore off, I decided to get to know my Grandma Hilda.

The next day was the best day of our lives together. I combed and styled her beautiful, soft hair as she listened to Al Green's "Everything's Gonna Be Alright" echo from the record player. Grandma Hilda gave me so much joy that day.

Through our talks, I learned that she had never been taught to write anything other than her name. Growing up in a Baptist church the word of God was instilled in Grandma Hilda's mind. While she read the Bible to me, certain scriptures flowed from her tongue while

Why was I just learning that I had a great-grandmother? Did anyone care that we had missed so much time together?

others required intense thought to decipher. Grandma Hilda could not read anything other than the Bible.

No one in the family knew how old she was because her birth certificate had been lost when she was a child.

My Grandma was so fragile. She ate slowly, carefully chewing each portion of white rice before swallowing.

When our day was over, I did not want to leave. I was not sure when or even if I would see her again. I finally took heed to my mother's warnings and realized that my stay with this jem, the lady who I had known for only one day, my Great-Grandma Hilda, was over.

As we walked out the front door, I muscled up the courage to look back at Grandma Hilda to say, "I love you."

She looked deep into my eyes, smiled, and said, "Oh, I love you too, baby."

Everytime my Aunt Betty went back to North Carolina for a visit, Grandma Hilda would ask, "Did you bring my baby to see me?"

I thought about her often, wondering if she would be all right without me there to listen to and care for her. Uncle

Eddie lived with her so that she would not be lonely, but soon she needed more than companionship.

Last summer I finally made it back to see my Grandma Hilda, who now lived in a nursing home. Once again, we spent an entire day together. Aunt Betty and I took grandma back to her house for the day so that she could get away from the dreary setting of the hospital. She gave me advice about life and men, which I will never forget. I was sad to see our time together end.

Grandma Hilda died in February. I immediately became angry and disappointed because our time was so short.

I now carry feelings of thanks and deep gratitude to have shared special moments with her. Grandma Hilda knew that I loved her dearly. And I will always remember "Everything's Gonna Be Alright."



Hey, fellas, have you been striking out with the women lately? Well, according to the September issue of Ebony Man Magazine, the way to a womans heart is through creative compliments and noticing just the little things about her apperance. Take heed to the following list and try them out on 'the Yard' and see what type of reaction you receive.

- COULD I HAVE THE NAME OF YOUR PERSONAL TRAINER? YOUR FIGURE IS EXQUISITE.
- HAVE YOU EVER MODELED?
- HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING OUT?
- YOU HAVE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL EYES I'VE EVER SEEN.
- YOU COULD DO BABY LOTICON COMMERCIALS. YOUR HANDS LOOK SO SOFT AND PRETTY.
- YOUR SKIN LOOKS SOFT AS SILK.
- WHEN YOU WALK INTO A ROOM, EVERYBODY ELSE FADES INTO THE BACKGROUND.
- I LOVE YOUR HAIR.
- YOUR SMILE LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT.
- HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A FASHION CONSULTANT? YOU



# PEOPLE

## HUSA President promises to work for students

### Chidiadi Akoma confidently plans agenda for academic school year

By Rashida Syed  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Call him inexperienced and uninformed. Say he isn't ready. Call him incapable. But Chidiadi Akoma, commonly known as "Chidi," is confident that this will be a successful and exciting year for him as president of the Howard University Student Association.

A pre-med biology major, Akoma said he understands that there will always be people who will doubt his abilities, especially his ability to be a successful HUSA president. But, he is confident that he has all of the qualifications necessary to do a good job as HUSA president.

"There are people who doubt me and say that the kid has no experience, but you don't need experience to become HUSA president," Akoma said matter-of-factly.

Although Akoma feels that this year will be productive, one fact still remains: an effective student leader needs the assistance of his or her student body.

"If anybody out there doubts my skills, I challenge them to come into the office and work on my staff. . . I have no problem adding people on as advisers to me if I've done or said something that could've been better," Akoma stated.

And Akoma also has no problem taking constructive criticism.

"As a brother or as a sister they should pull me to the side and let me know where I've been wrong. . . because I'm not doing this for me; I'm doing this for them," he said.

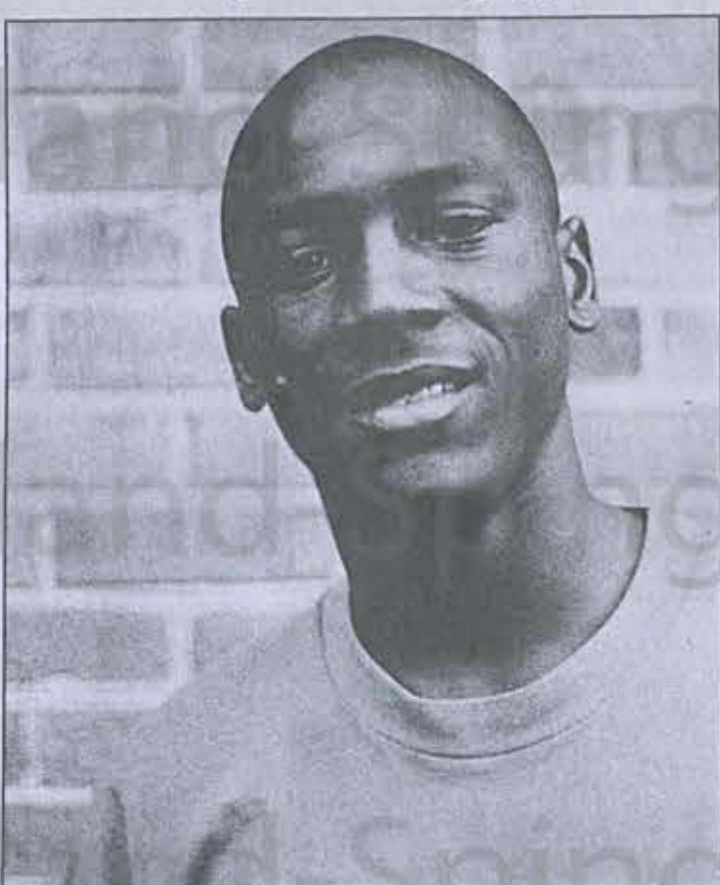
Akoma and the rest of the HUSA staff, including Vice President Shaonda Walker, are already taking action.

"So far we're trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together. We all have the same goals. . . We're taking care of business," Akoma stated with assurance.

Akoma and his staff feel that the only way to ensure a productive school year is to work together as a family.

"We've established a nice family atmosphere. . . If you're a family then you tend to work easier with each other," he said.

As this year's HUSA president, Akoma has encountered what he calls a "strange year," referring to the transition taking place



with the changing of presidency. However, Akoma said that he and Interim President Dr. Joyce Ladner have a good working relationship.

"We are able to talk to one another when we need to," Akoma said of his business relationship with Ladner. "Her lines of communication are always open to me and she always listens to what I have to say."

In fact, there are several plans that Akoma has already brought to Ladner's attention.

"This year my overall goal is to revise a lot of old things that haven't been changed in the university. For example, the HUSA constitution needs to be updated to benefit all students. I also plan to unify all student organizations so that they operate as one entity for the best of the university community and the community-at-large," Akoma said.

As part of Akoma's numerous plans, one of his priorities is to alter the new AT&T phone charges that came as a shock to many students.

"We had a nice long meeting with the

telecommunications office. . . and we're hoping that by the time this article is read the .23 cents per [local] call will be changed to a lower fee."

As a continuing service to students, the scholarship data bank is back into effect.

"I want to let people know that the scholarship data bank is back on line. So if you need some scholarship help, feel free to come by the HUSA office and pick up an application," Akoma added.

Several students have also complained to Akoma that they are disappointed with the shuttle services. The shuttle buses no longer run to the downtown areas surrounding the now closed Eton Towers and Sutton Plaza

dormitories. Akoma said that there is not much that can be done about the shuttle service for those students who live downtown.

"Because the university closed down the dorms they cannot run an operating expense to benefit people that just so happen to live in the area. If they know the reason why the buses don't go there anymore, then they should understand. Any logical person would just go with the flow," the New York native said. "I already sat down with the dean of residence life, William Keene, last semester about the [former] shuttle service itself being faulty and that is why this year we have new shuttles."

Akoma had few complaints about last year's student body administration. However he stressed one point.

"I am the spokesperson for the student body and I understand that role. I cannot vouch for or promise anything that the student body will do without consulting the student body first. That is the only mistake

that I see that was made last year."

Of the bad rap that Howard University was given last year, Akoma said, "Outside organizations were trying to bring down the Howard community. We were able to put those things to the side and we're still going. We need to let people know that this isn't a stomping ground of hate-mongers. We're doing positive things for the community. People at Howard are making music, becoming stars and working hard in the community. They're doing a lot of

things."

Akoma claimed that he does not plan on making any radical, new changes this year. However, he said he is anticipating working closely with the student body.

"Every student body member is not just a student, but a student leader. And I'm challenging everybody to come into the HUSA office, if they haven't so far, and make a change."

## Vital Statistics

**Name:** Chidiadi Akoma

**Age:** 21

**Hometown:** Bronx, New York

**Place of Birth:** Imo State, Africa

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PULSE

# 'FRESH' characterizes grade 'A' theatre quality



Samuel L. Jackson (left) and Sean Nelson (right) star in Boaz Yakin's "FRESH."

By Kris Johnson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

I already know what you're thinking: "If I have to sit through another flick about Black folks, drugs, crime and the hood, I'm going to scream." No need for all that. "FRESH," written and directed by novice Boaz Yakin (screenwriter of 1990's flop, "The Rookie") is a refreshing break from a summer filled with mad bombers, lion kings, exploding buses and southern-fried gentlemen like Forrest Gump. However, that by no means that "FRESH" is a great film in and of itself. This picture's weak script-writing holds some of the characters hostage. In addition, this "White man's version of a Negro" movie portrays a

myopic version of a burned-out, hopeless, ghetto landscape. The story centers around Fresh, a relatively good kid from the rough Bushwick section of Brooklyn. He is an errand boy for Esteban, the friendly neighborhood heroin dealer, and Corky (Ron Brice), the hood's top dog in the crack game. A smart kid, Fresh always tries to schedule his drug dealings around school to keep his grades up. Because of his "job," Fresh is rarely at home. While living with a super-extended family consisting of an aunt, grandmother and several cousins, Fresh's ties to the netherworld grows stronger. His family becomes very nervous as they wait for him to make one mistake too many. Fresh also has a beautiful, but tragically flawed heroin-

addicted sister, Nichole (N'bushe Wright) who is used as a sex pawn in this, chessboard-of-life scenario. Although married, Esteban wants the ebony angel all to himself. After luring his sister away from her current drug-dealing boyfriend, Fresh is rewarded by Esteban with promises of his own stake in the "smack" empire. These type of plot developments show that the director obviously has a stereotypical view of Black women which has been shaped by the media. This trend can be traced back as far as "An Imitation of Life" (1939, 1958) and "Lady Sings the Blues" (1972). However, the cinematography and the acting bring this

film off the sidelines and into the game. There were some outstanding performances given by Giancarlo Esposito; Samuel L. Jackson who plays Fresh's father, Sam; and newcomer Sean Nelson, as the character of Fresh, who gives the best performance I've seen from a child in five years. If the Oscars ever want to get real, Nelson should win as best actor because the life of this 13-year-old, who attends a performing arts school in New York, is vastly different from Fresh, the character he portrays. Fresh who lives a double life, exudes the same cool demeanor at school that he does when he's pushing rocks. He eventually tries to get his loudmouthed Puerto Rican homeboy Chuckie (Luis Lantigua) into the game, but his big mouth becomes his downfall. The object of Fresh's affections, Rosie (Natima Bradley) is a lovely little girl in his school. Fresh teeters between the adult world of hard-core cynicism and adolescent wonder. When Fresh's beloved Rosie meets an untimely demise, there is a turning point in his young life. Finally, it is Fresh's old man who teaches him the lessons on life that give Fresh the determination to try to hustle the hustlers. The angular cinematography makes the audience feel as if they were in the midst of the action. Director of

Photography Adam Holender, who also shot "Midnight Cowboy" (1969), gives the sensation of being trapped in a cage similar to the way society traps young Fresh. "FRESH" is reminiscent of 1993's "The Firm." Both Mitch McDeere (Tom Cruise) and Fresh had to outwit multiple negative forces to stay ahead and stay alive. While the script is plagued with structural problems, the actors' powerful performances compensate. When you break it down, this movie is still another White guy's take on Black life. Still,

director Yakin gets props for having the presence of mind to cast an A-list group of actors to translate this story. Nevertheless, the resolution could have been better. McCall wrote. If you can throw out your bias against this film and enter it with an open mind, you'll be pleasantly surprised. "FRESH" brings to mind Nathan McCall's "Makes Me Wanna Holler." "Children have an enormous ability to adapt to insanity." Hold that thought, and go see the flick—it's pretty good. Grade: A.

## 'FRESH' music sounds stale

By Kris Johnson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

If you want to go tripping down memory lane back to the days of fat shoestrings, gold chains and Kangols, then "Fresh: Music Inspired by the Film" is for you. However, if you're like me, and have an extremely limited budget, you can do without this one. Filled with obscure New York artists from the early '80s, the only standouts on this CD are Whodini's "Five Minutes of Funk" and "It's Nasty" by Grandmaster Flash. Remember, this is music inspired by the film, meaning not a one of these songs is featured in the movie. This alleged soundtrack is just a marketing tool to get you to buy the album and/or go see the film. Take my word for it, there's nothing "fresh" about this soundtrack. In fact, it's about as stale as my mother's wedding cake (and she got married 21 years ago). So, if you want a slammin' soundtrack, go buy "Saturday Night Fever" or "Purple Rain", but if you want to see a good flick, go see "FRESH," the motion picture. FRESH: MUSIC INSPIRED BY THE FILM: C.

# District photographer documents Georgia Avenue

By Tasha Hardy  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Beyond the glitz and glamour of Washington's monuments, museums and theatres, everyday people live ordinary lives. These daily activities along the District's longest commercial corridor is the focus of a poignant exhibition of photographs by Jason Miccolo Johnson entitled "Georgia Avenue On My Mind." "Georgia Avenue is a diamond in the rough; a walking vibration. It has never been fully documented and has remained relatively unchanged from the riots of the 1960's," Johnson said. The black and white photo exhibit, a self-funded project, is on display at the Armour J.

Blackburn Center Gallery. It consists of 48 photos, one for every tenth of a mile of the 4.8-mile stretch from Florida Avenue on its southern border, into Maryland on its northern tip. Johnson, who's lived at the same District zip code for 14 years, is not yet finished showcasing his neighborhood. "This is just the first in a series of exhibitions," Johnson boasted. "I'll be documenting Georgia Avenue through the year 2000." Besides serving as a backdrop to Howard University, a walking tour of Georgia Avenue reveals bookstores, florists, art galleries, restaurants and a number of professional services. It is an avenue that has been labeled "A

City unto Itself" with hundreds of diverse businesses and neighborhoodss lining its 60 block corridor. The internationally reknown photographer said that he considers the thoroughfare to be the longest strip of Black-owned businesses in Washington. "Everything you want you can find on Georgia Avenue. It is unique and diverse in its types of businesses and in that it is self-sufficient," he said. Born in Missouri and raised in Memphis, Johnson, a Howard University graduate, is a freelance photographer who lives in Washington. This shutterbug's love for photography flourished when he purchased his first camera at a pawn shop on Beale Street

from money made from chopping cotton during the summer. "A great photograph captures the essence of a person's character. It gets inside of the person and finds out their loves and their passions. It reveals how they want others to see themselves," he said. Later, using a 35mm camera he borrowed from a high school biology teacher, he began his career charging classmates for portraits. In 1990, Johnson was a project photographer for the internationally acclaimed exhibit, "Songs of My People,"

which compiled the works of more than 50 of the nation's premiere African-American photojournalists, documenting the national experience of African Americans and their contributions to American culture. Johnson has taken exclusive pictures of some of the world's movers and shakers, from Princess Diana to Nelson Mandela. Along the way, he has captured the mother of the civil rights movement Rosa Parks; musicians Stevie Wonder and Wynton Marsalis; actors Bill Cosby and Clint Eastwood as well as heavyweight fighter Muhammad Ali.

Johnson explained that his passion for photography stems from the freedom it gives him. "It allows me to recreate life as I see it. It allows me to meet people that I would not normally meet and it takes me places I would not normally go. I get to determine what beauty is," he said. Johnson said he wants D.C. residents to realize that art is not just something hanging in museums. He said photography is in every walk of life, including Georgia Avenue. The exhibit will be showcased at the Blackburn Center until Sept. 30.

## Arts & Entertainment Clips

- Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**  
From Sept. 24 through Mar. 1995, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond will present African Art: Spirit of the Motherland. The exhibit will display a 300-piece collection derived from Western and Central Africa. It will include sculptures, textiles and paintings. For more information, contact the museum at (804) 367-0844.
- African Culture Festival**  
The seventh annual African Culture Fest will be held Sept. 17 at Freedom Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. (between 13th and 14th Streets). The fest lasts from noon until 7 p.m. and will feature African food, dance and art. Some of the sponsors include AT&T, the African Communications Group, Pepsi-Cola, the D.C. Lottery, the Pennsylvania Development Corporation and the D.C. Commission for Arts. For more information, call (202) 393-7337.
- Film Festival**  
Motown, Walt Disney and Tower Records/Videos will present an African-American Short Film Festival Sept. 15-22 at Cineplex Odeon Theater, West End located at 101 23rd St. N.W. Films are shown daily between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information, call (202) 466-1538.
- The Washington Book Festival**  
BZB International, Inc., the Howard University Press, the Black Review, AT&T and Vertigo Books are sponsoring a multicultural event Sun., Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Freedom Plaza. There will be celebrity guest appearances, book readings, food and more. For additional information, call (202) 332-BUSY.
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The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Beta Chapter will sponsor a dance in the Blackburn Ballroom on Fri., Sept. 16 from 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
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- The Smithsonian**  
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- Jazz**  
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Honorary Conference Chairman  
Congressman M. Payne

By Myriam M. Joseph  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is sponsoring its 24th Annual Legislative Conference at the Washington Convention Center from Sept. 13-17. The theme of this year's conference is "Embracing our Youth for a New Tomorrow." Monica Barnes, a freshman majoring in political science, is volunteering because she said this conference is both an excellent opportunity to network and will serve as a positive experience for today's youth. "This conference will be giving the youth giving a new hope and showing them that somebody cares," Barnes said. "Everyone is saying that we are the last generation." Congressman M. Payne (NJ-10), the honorary chairman of the conference agreed on the focus of the event. "The conference's goal this year is for African-American leaders to mentor and to serve as role models for young people."

Payne also said "it is the African-American adult's responsibility to make a difference in the lives of many children throughout the United States." For the last 24 years the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has been serving the Black community, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation emerged from this concern to help the next generation. The CBC was born in 1970 when thirteen Black leaders in the House of Representatives and the Senate wanted to work together on African-American issues and concerns. Today, this political structure has grown 40 members strong (30 men and 10 women). Included in this list of outstanding members is the second Black senator and the first Black female senator, Carol Moseley-Braun. The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, although an offspring of the CBC, serves a slightly different purpose than the CBC. Established in 1976, the foundation assists African-American leaders while also helping prepare the next generation of leaders. These future trailblazers are introduced the social, economic and political issues facing African Americans through the help of The Congressional Black Caucus Institute for Policy Research and Education. This year's CBCF conference is a five day conference consisting of braintrusts, issue forums and workshops. One official at the CBC said stressed the importance students

attending the various events. "Students, especially at Howard, need to participate in the braintrusts so they can realize exactly what we are up against. Young people need to be more active on Capitol Hill," she said. "In order for them to do that, they must be informed." Other events held during the week include the four major fundraisers — The Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Annual Fashion Show and Benefit Concert, the CBCF prayer breakfast and the CBCF Annual Awards Dinner. The fundraising events will help the CBCF meet its goal of preparing the leaders of tomorrow while helping the leaders of today. The Congressional Black Caucus Spouses 18th Annual Fashion Show, entitled "Curtain Call: A Broadway Fashion Show Love Affair," will be a mixture of high fashion and Broadway. There will be scenes from great Broadway musicals like "Sarafina," "Bubblin' Brown Sugar" and "Dream Girls." The fashion show, being produced by Harvey Star Washington, will include a performance by Jennifer Holiday. The Fashion Show will be on Friday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Washington Convention Center, Hall C. Other events include The CBC Spouses 2nd Annual Benefit Concert, featuring Al Jarreau and the CBCF Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, dedicated to former Chaplain of the Washington Redskins, Tom Skinner. For more information call The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. at (202) 675-6730.



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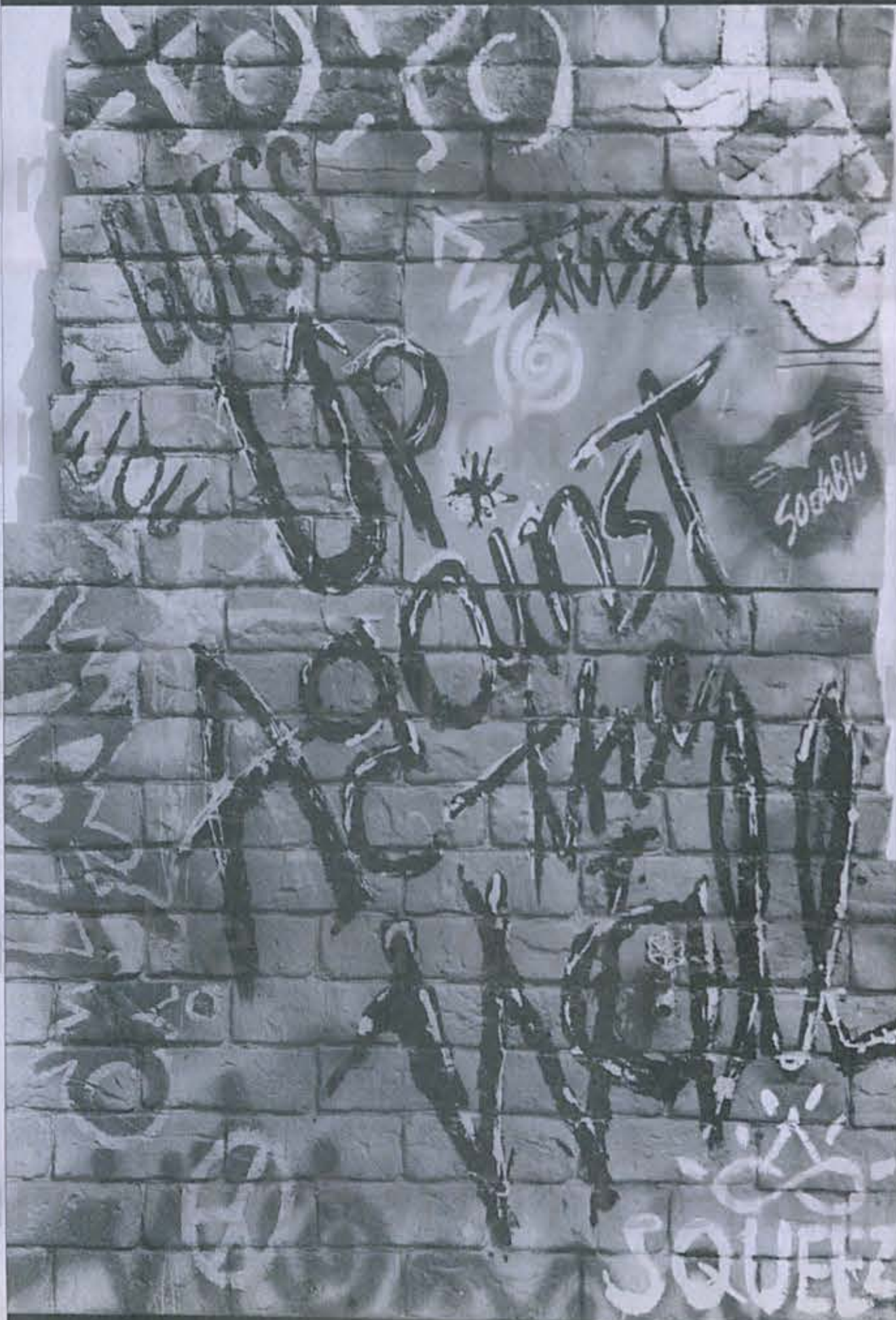
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# SPORTS

## News & Notes

**HU scores**  
 -Football  
 Howard 20, Hampton 21  
 -Soccer  
 Howard 0, UMBC 1  
 -Women's Volleyball  
 Howard 3, Robert Morris 2

**MEAC Football Scores**  
 -N.C. A&T 53, Winston-Salem 7  
 -Youngstown St. 23, Delaware St. 3  
 -Furman 26, S. Carolina St. 21  
 -Bethune-Cookman 41, Morgan 0

**AP Top 4 College Football**  
 1) Florida 2-0-0  
 2) Nebraska 2-0-0  
 3) Florida St. 2-0-0  
 4) Michigan 2-0-0

**Last Weekend's NFL Scores**  
 -Kansas City 24, San Francisco 17  
 -Buffalo 38, New England 35  
 -Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 10  
 -New York Jets 25, Denver 22  
 -New York Giants 20, Arizona 17  
 -Dallas 20, Houston 17  
 -Seattle 38, LA Raiders 9  
 -San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10

**Football**  
 -If Alcorn State's Steve "Air II" McNair maintains his present pace, he will throw for more than 5,600 yards and 71 touchdowns this season, which will break two outstanding records.  
 -Los Angeles Raiders running back, Napoleon McCallum dislocated his knee in a game on Sept. 9 and will be out for the rest of this season.

**Basketball**  
 -In his first public basketball game since his retirement, Michael Jordan scored 52 points in Scottie Pippen's Ameritech Classic Charity game on Sept. 9.  
 -Danny Manning, formerly with the Atlanta Hawks, used his free agent status and signed a 1-year, \$1 million contract with the Phoenix Suns.

-The Washington Bullets are having trouble signing their 1994 first round draft pick, Juwan Howard, because Howard's monetary demands are too high for the Bullets to accept.  
 -Isiah "J.R." Rider, guard for the Minnesota Timberwolves, was sentenced to two years probation, 35 hours of community service at a detoxification center and a fine of \$700 after being found guilty of fifth-degree assault and disorderly conduct stemming from a March altercation at a sports bar.

**Baseball**  
 -Cincinnati Reds outfielder, Deion Sanders, was arrested and charged with failing to provide a driver's license and resisting arrest. Sanders allegedly drove his motorcycle through a restricted gate following an Aug. 8 game and dragged the officer several feet.

**MEAC Player of the Week**  
*Breshawn Harris*  
 Harris, a senior setter on the Lady Spiker's Volleyball team was voted MEAC Player of the Week last week. Harris continues her high standard of performing by being instrumental in each of her team's wins. One of the co-captains on the team, Harris has accumulated many awards, among them: MEAC's Most Valuable Player last year.

**Upcoming Games**  
 -Tennis  
 Women at the Mt. St. Mary's Invitational  
 Emmitsburg, MD on Sept. 16-18  
 Men vs. UDC  
 Banneker Courts 3:30 pm on Sept. 21  
 -Volleyball  
 HU at the Virginia Commonwealth Tournament on Sept. 16  
 HU at George Mason University  
 Away on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.  
 -Soccer  
 HU vs. New Jersey Tech.  
 Away on Sept. 17  
 HU vs. Navy  
 Away on Sept. 21

If anyone is interested in writing for the Sports Section, please contact Kisha Riggins at (202) 806-6866.

## Howard Bison Jose White aims for NFL

By Octavia Shaw  
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Some people might describe Jose White as a gentleman because he is cool, calm and not easily frustrated—at least not on the field.

"I'm kind of shy. I'm tough and aggressive on the field, so people just assume I'm that way all the time," he said.

Just as we see former Bison quarterback Jay Walker with the New England Patriots, we might see defensive end/line backer Jose White, who is the Bison's defensive leader, in the National Football League next year.

"He has all the tools to make it to the next level," said Ray Petty, the football team's defensive coordinator.

White, who is a senior majoring in therapy recreation, is one of four captains. He was recruited from H.D. Woodson High School after playing only two years of high school football.

White, who is an only child, was raised by his mother and his maternal grandparents. He said his mother is very supportive of his football career.

"She never really imagined me having a shot of going to the NFL. She's been to most of the games, and she's usually the first one

here," White stated.

Even though White claims to be shy, he feels that when he is on the field it is a different world.

"You only see the man in front of you and you only hear the quarterback," White said.

Wide-receiver James Cunningham said White is a very aggressive and dominant

player on the field. But off the field, Cunningham said White is a different person.

"He's like a brother. He's very nice unless you try to cross him, but if you don't do that, he'll be good to you," Cunningham said, who was White's first roommate.

White said this year has been going pretty well, but some adjustments must be made.



Jose White, pictured in the middle, watches the game with teammates

"As a whole team, we're a better team than we were last year. Attitude wise, our goals are higher, and we also have one of the best freshmen squads that we've ever had," White said.

Besides football, White said he enjoys playing basketball and physical training.

"When I'm not playing football, I play basketball and vice versa," he said. The training helps White, who said he eats just about everything to maintain his six-foot-three, 265-pound frame. White said his favorite food is lasagna prepared by his grandfather who "cooks it better than anybody."

White said at one point he wanted to leave the University, but with the help of Coach Wilson, he decided to stay.

"I learned to adjust. I sometimes missed practice to go to class," he said.

If he is not drafted, White will work in the recreational field possibly coaching and helping disabled children.

However, Cunningham expects White to be chosen in the first round of the draft.

"It's a lot of hard work and luck, but he's a great football player, one of the best in the league," Petty said. White modestly said he also believes that he is talented enough to go to the NFL.

## Bison fall, ending 14-game winning streak

By Kisha Riggins  
 Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University football team had a funeral Saturday evening and is still mourning the loss.

The funeral was held for the Bison's 14-game winning streak that came to rest unexpectedly after a 21-20 loss to the Hampton Pirates at the First Annual Greater Washington Urban League Classic.

At Robert E. Kennedy Stadium, in front of a crowd of 21,555 people, the Bison took it to the wire and failed to score in the last minute of the game.

The Bison heralded defense gave up 462 yards, 318 of which occurred in the first half. Yet, the Pirates were scoreless in the last three quarters, but that was not enough for the Bison to win the game.

The Bison started strong by kicking off a return that ended at the Pirates' 10-yard line.

Three plays later, running back Lamont Still went 70 yards and scored a touchdown to the surprise of the Bison Buffalo Soldier defense. Still finished the game with 102 yards rushing and 103 yards receiving.

The Howard offense hit a wall and could only produce a 31-yard field goal by kicker Jason DeCuir.

The Pirates offense saw another break in the Buffalo Soldier defense and Kevin White quickly sprinted 66 yards to set up quarterback Matt Montgomery's touchdown pass to tight end, Ivan Holland on a 10-yard screen pass.

After the Bison failed to score, Pirates running back Darrell Flythe took a pass from Montgomery for an 11-yard touchdown.

The score was then 21-3 as the first quarter ended. The Bison sideline was shocked, but the Pirates' sideline was jumping up and down and showing their excitement.

"No one on the team expected to be down 18 points, especially in the first quarter," junior linebacker Troy Easter said.

The second quarter proved futile, offensively, for both teams. Both defensive lines held the other team scoreless in the second quarter.

"After those three touchdowns, we (the defense) became more aware and worked harder than before to not let them score," Easter said.

As halftime began, both teams went into their locker rooms with contrasting attitudes and facial expressions. The Pirates were running and screaming into the locker room while the Bison silently walked with their heads down and dejected faces.

"I saw that the players were mentally defeated when I went into the locker room for halftime. I knew that the only way to get us back into the game was to energize the team," Head Coach Steve Wilson explained.

After halftime, the Bison came back with a roaring vengeance. They were the ones that came to the field yelling and screaming. The Bison offense kicked into gear as they scored two touchdowns six minutes into the quarter.

Junior quarterback Alfonza "Pep" Hamilton passed to freshman tight end Ronnie Barnes for a 5-yard touchdown reception. DeCuir responded with a successful kick that made the score 21-10.

On the Pirates' second play from scrimmage, freshman linebacker

Curtis Allen forced Still to fumble the ball and Jose White recovered the ball for Howard.

Hamilton then found senior wide receiver Jimmy Cunningham for a 29-yard pass to Hampton's 3-yard line. Sophomore running back Steve Willoby responded with his first Bison touchdown. DeCuir successfully completed the extra point kick and the score was then 21-17.

The Buffalo Soldier defense, led by senior linebacker White, made an impenetrable wall to keep the Pirates scoreless. On the Bison's next possession, Hamilton injured his back and left the game. Hamilton finished the game with 12 of 24 passes for 153 yards and a touchdown.

Terrill Hill, a graduate student, who was converted from quarterback to wide receiver, took over early in the fourth quarter. Hill responded by leading an 80-yard drive that resulted with a 31-yard field goal by DeCuir with 4:53 left on a fourth and three.

"I went for the field goal, because I was confident that my offense could score in the time that we had left. I knew my defense wasn't allowing another score," Wilson explained.

The score was 21-20 and the

crowd became alive again as the fans realized that the game was not over yet. The Bison are known for spectacular last minute plays.

The Bison defense once again showed their talent and spirit as the Pirates were stopped from scoring, due mainly to White sacking Montgomery.

The Bison took over with 54 seconds left, and after an incomplete pass, Hill completed a pass to Jimmy Cunningham for 11

yards and 40 seconds left.

After another incomplete pass, Hill connected with sophomore wide receiver Marco Ward for 22 yards before Ward fumbled after being drilled by Hampton's Codell Taylor. The Pirates' Xavier Gunn recovered with 20 seconds left and

now we are on a losing streak," Wilson said.

This weekend the Bison are off but they begin defending their MEAC title on Sept. 24 versus the Florida A&M University Rattlers in Tallahassee, FL.



James "Jet" Cunningham takes a breather on the sidelines

## Tennis team gets ready to serve up another season

By Shana Harris  
 Hilltop Staff Writer

With most fall sports kicking off their seasons last week, Howard University's men's and women's tennis teams are eager to return to action.

According to the tennis coach Larry Strickland, the men's team is entering a season of uncertainty. They are in the process of rebuilding.

"We are really shorthanded. We were unable to get the players that we really wanted to have," Coach Strickland said.

The team returns with only two players from last year, Sophomore Jamal Johnson and Senior captain David Parker. Coach Strickland said the team will be dependent on walk-on players. But, he said, "This is nothing new, we have always found support in walk-ons."

Despite an uphill climb, Coach Strickland said, "We will be competitive. If it comes down to desire, we'll be fine."

Strickland is optimistic that the players will quickly begin to show improvement.

"With a little work, by spring we could be in pretty good shape," he said.

"For the team, I hope to start off by improving and also on the right foot by winning, so we can build a lot of confidence. This is a new team and we need to gel," Senior David Parker said. "Personally, I hope that I play solid the whole year without too much fluctuation in my game."

Commenting on the lack of quality players at the university Parker said, "It's disappointing coming to a school where you expect to have a squad; it's hard to field players. The top Black players don't go to historically Black colleges, and that's disappointing."

The women's team won everything but the MEAC last year, and as the season begins, that is their primary goal according to Coach Strickland. The two years before last season, they were the MEAC champions.

They completed the spring season with a 14-1 record and are anxious to pick up where they left off. With last year's success, "It is hard to expect anything less this season," Coach Strickland said.

The team's top five starters are returning, including three seniors: LaShawn Jones, captain; Chishona Husband and Stayce Jackson.

"They have been the anchors for the past three, and I'd expect nothing less this year," Strickland said.

This year, Coach Strickland is anticipating strong competition from Ivy League schools. He also anticipates challenges from local teams like George Washington University and American University. In the MEAC, Morgan State University is usually a strong opponent. "We beat them twice last year, but lost to them in the MEAC championships."

Senior captain LaShawn Jones definitely looks forward to winning the MEAC this year.

"Last year, we knew we could win the championship, but we didn't do the work. This year, I think we're doing the work and we know we can," she said.

Other goals for the team are to make good showings in the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association and the National Collegiate.

Both teams begin their seasons this week. On Sept. 12, the men play the University of Maryland Baltimore County at home. The women play the next day at the University of the District of Columbia.

## FALL SCHEDULE FOR INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

SIGN-UP	DEADLINE	STARTING DATE
FLAG FOOTBALL Men and Women	Sept. 23	Sept. 25
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BADMINTON TOURNAMENT Singles, Doubles, Men and Women Divisions	Oct. 21	Oct. 24
BASKETBALL 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT First 32 teams registered	Oct. 28	Oct. 31
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Sunday		Noon til 6:30 p.m.
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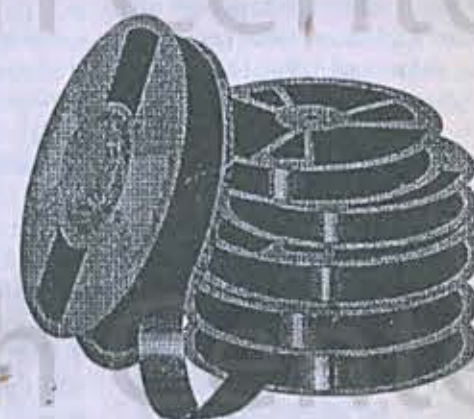
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## Good service is a must for students

Imagine this: It's Sunday morning and you are going to church.

You have your shirt impeccably starched and pressed. Your hair is just right and you even decide to sport the new loafers you bought the day before. You've got your look on and leave your dormitory room to go stand outside and wait for the charter bus to take you to 11:00 service at the Rankin Memorial Chapel.

You wait. You wait some more.

Twenty-minutes into your wait your new shoes are killing your feet and the sun begins to sweat the crispness out of your shirt. The bus is 20 minutes overdue, or so you think. There is no official arrival and departure schedule, so you don't really know if the bus is late or not.

The bus finally arrives and you board asking the driver "where the hell have you been?" You settle into a seat, take your shoes off and hope you get to the church on time.

Sound familiar? Be glad if it doesn't because that means you are one of the fortunate Howard students who do not have to rely on the shuttle bus. For those that do, it seems that every day brings with it more confusion and conflict.

Presently, shuttle service is being provided by the Gold Line Bus Company on a trial basis. This company is a well known and respected line in the passenger transport industry. Its buses are clean, trustworthy and comfortable coaches that are capable of smoothly carrying students between classes and residence halls.

Most shuttle passengers will agree that the service is just fine, with one exception: punctuality.

These students are frustrated with buses that seemingly come and go at whim. Arrivals and departures occur without rhyme or reason. Unfortunately students that ride these "catch-as-catch-can" buses can be late for classes—a serious problem. Frightfully, a female student who misses the last bus from the campus to Meridian and has to walk home may become a victim, period.

There is no excuse for this shady service, and especially not coming from a company with Gold Line's experience. What is the problem?

One thing is for sure. Howard should not enter into a final contract with Gold Line and should not extend the temporary contract until the company develops a

printed schedule and commits itself to maintaining it. Plain and simple.

All too often, students accept second-rate treatment and service. "Oh well, it's out of my hands," and "There's nothing I can do about it," echo between the reclined seats of tardy buses, yet no demands are made. There is no excuse for the apathy and certainly no reason to feel powerless.

Had Rosa Parks felt powerless decades ago, we may not have the opportunity to ride any buses to school at all, punctual or not. That is not to say that the importance of this issue figures anywhere near the importance of Ms. Parks' crusade. However, it is very important to challenge second-rate treatment wherever it appears.

Whether it is a neglectful waitress at Denny's or a rude receptionist in the A-Building, those who provide faulty service must be made aware that it will not be tolerated. Period.

Gold Line and the Howard University representatives that are involved in negotiating a final contract must be aware that students will not stand for anything but punctual service. It is not much to ask for and takes even less to deliver.



## High self-esteem helps Howard women excel

There is a growing fear around the country that young girls are not adequately being supported and encouraged to live up to their full potential. It seems that girls are somehow neglected—in the classroom and at home—in preference for boys. Worse still, the apparent rejection manifests itself in low self-esteem.

According to the American Association of University Women, more boys than girls enter adolescence with high self-esteem and many more young men than young women leave those teen years with high regard for themselves. Girls aged eight and nine are confident and assertive, yet emerge from adolescence with poor self-

images, constrained views of their future and their place in society, and much less confident about themselves and their abilities.

Why is there little evidence of this trend at Howard University?

Studies have shown that girls do not receive the same amount of classroom attention from their teachers that boys receive and, as a result, the girls suffer from self-esteem deficiencies. In an AAUW study, 60 percent of elementary school girls say they are "happy the way I am." By high school, the girls self-esteem falls 31 points to 29 percent.

The loss of self-esteem at the onset and during adolescence is a natural occurrence in both boys and girls. It is a very awkward

time. Yet it seems to be more difficult for girls and the effects on them are most dramatic and long-lasting.

Fortunately, Howard University women have been able to avoid the pitfalls that growing up in a sexist society—one that slights, disregards and demeans girls—presents. Overwhelmingly, Howard women are confident and assertive. Low self-esteem is definitely not a problem.

According to the AAUW and other groups, low-esteem should inhibit the actions and abilities of our sisters. The statistics say they should be scared to speak in class and hold their tongues rather than challenge a teacher. Imagine that.

Such characteristics do

nothing to describe the caliber of women who attend Howard University. In fact, they are almost insulting to women nationwide who struggle daily to persevere and overcome the obstacles thrown at their feet.

It is no secret that women are socialized to be less assertive and aggressive than men. When boys talk about what they like about themselves they usually mention their talents. Girls are more likely to mention a physical characteristic as the thing they like most about themselves such as hair, nice clothes, or being pretty.

Sadly, most girls absorb society's message that their worth is dependent on their appearance. Although the majority of female Howardites obviously take care of and

maintain their appearances, primping is not an end-all-to-be-all.

It is a testimony to the high quality of women at this institution that the societal traps set for girls have not ensnared them. The low-self esteem that corrodes the confidence and asphyxiates the aspirations of others is not present among them.

You will be hard-pressed to find females in your classes who are anything but assured of their abilities and talents. This is partially due to the fact that being at Howard University and in the company of thousands of positive, progressive Black folks brings out the best in all of us.

Black girls express high levels of self-esteem throughout the adolescence and report greater

feelings of self-worth than their White counterparts. Black girls' families and communities reinforce their high levels of individual importance. Howard University does the same.

It is no secret that Howard women are an exceptional breed. The inferiority complexes that develop in so many women are largely due to societal forces that reduce womanhood to secondary status, yet our sisters remain largely unaffected.

It may be trite, but it's true: Black women are a strong and proud group. Their history has been one of painful trials and short-lived exultations. As a result, Black girls continue to overcome and succeed in the face of all that opposes them.

## Careful: Big Brother might be watching

The FBI has once again proposed sweeping changes to the federal wiretapping law. The changes the agency envisions would essentially turn the much bally-hooed National Information Infrastructure into a national surveillance system.

The FBI's proposal would require all common carriers—America On-line, Prodigy and others—to construct their networks to deliver the content of all communication on their networks to law enforcement agencies.

It seems "Big Brother" wants to watch us even closer.

The FBI wants to have access to "call set-up information" of common carriers (telephone companies and anyone who plans to get into the telephone business, such as cable TV companies). Call set-up information is a list of phone numbers called by any phone that happens to be under surveillance.

The danger in the FBI's plan is a threat to individual privacy. Increasingly, we are becoming more and more dependent on electronic communications devices to interact with others.

The FBI is aware of these sweeping technological changes and claims that the proposal is merely an attempt to maintain status quo wiretapping capabilities.

However, this plan would give the FBI access to personal information of all kinds. They could find out which political bulletin boards individuals have dialed, what movies individuals have ordered and which on-line services

they have connected to.

This is serious business and should be viewed with much apprehension. As the use of telecommunications expands in our society, such invasions of privacy could be expanded as well.

Telecommunications companies like AT&T and Mobile have been teasing us with commercials demonstrating the wonderful technologies they will be bringing us in the future. Wireless technology is just around the corner (Personal Communications Services) and soon we will be able to receive faxes and then send return messages from "the Yard" or the McDonald's parking lot.

What the FBI's proposal would result in is the agency's ability to obtain the contents and information of any service subscribers—even if they are driving around town with their cellular or camping in the mountains with their PCs. They will be able to track our movements!

Law enforcement bodies could use the signaling information they access to pinpoint the location of their target. The young men who were arrested for allegedly killing James Jordan and stealing his Lexus were tracked down when they used the cellular phone in the car. O.J. Simpson was located during his suicidal expressway extravaganza in the same manner.

Unlike the conventional wiretap capabilities the FBI possesses, this scheme would make it very easy for them to access our information. Ordinarily, the courts are able to

examine the validity of a wiretap request filed by law enforcement officials. However, call access information can be obtained far easier with little, if any, court involvement.

In a truly Draconian move, the FBI also proposes that the attorney general have the power and authority to shut down any company that does not comply with these requirements. The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for regulating telecommunications companies, not the FBI (at press time, anyway).

As African Americans, we should watch this initiative very closely. Throughout our history, the FBI has infiltrated our groups and spied on our leaders. Under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, the agency made it a point to track and record meetings of civil rights organizations and outspoken men and women. To this day, many believe, with good cause, that law enforcement in general, and the FBI in particular, are wickedly racist institutions.

Without question, technology will advance and our lives will be made much easier and efficient because of it. The toys that are to come are various and plentiful. However, in our rush to usher in a new era in communications, we must not lose sight of our old problem. Namely, racism and its potential to continually thwart our efforts.

Wide scale espionage powers in the hands of the FBI should scare us to death.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## The good girl syndrome

By Shahnaaz Davidson  
Hilltop Columnist

The reason most of us have made it to the Mecca in these troubled times lies in the influences of our parents. They nurtured us, disciplined us, encouraged us and even spoiled us a little bit so that we would think it the natural progression of things to go from high school to college. We consider ourselves to be strong young African Americans, but we women may need to undo a little of the socialization we received at home and from society so we can be the people we really want to be.

I'm talking about you. You know who you are. Remember that fine brother that you danced with at the club last weekend who asked you for your number and you gave it to him? You really didn't want to, but you didn't want to be "rude" so you either gave it to him reluctantly or you gave him a fake number. Why did you do this if it's really not what you wanted to do? It was all those accommodation skills you learned growing up that came back to do you more harm than good.

We are socialized in this society to look out for everyone but ourselves. We watched our mothers sacrifice their dreams, their free time and sometimes their sanity in order to raise kids, please husbands and generally nurture the world. In the mean time, they were never really happy themselves. They were never able to be the best people they could for themselves or the people around them because they were always putting others in front of themselves.

In the 90s, women are learning that it's okay to take care of themselves. It's okay to say no to kids, husbands or employers if that's how we really feel. And as we become honest with those around us by actually behaving the way we want to instead of the way we think we should; we are more at peace with ourselves.

How about this scenario. You finish dancing with that fine brother and he asks you for your number. Instead of feigning interest and giving it to him when you really don't want to, you say, "Let me be perfectly honest with you, I don't want to give you my number but thank you for the dance."

Most brothers would agree; they would much rather you be straight up with them than to have you never return their phone calls or have them get excited about calling only to find out you've given them a phony number. This only breeds misunderstanding between the sexes and makes us wish we were strong enough to say and do what we really feel.

The difficult situations we find ourselves in because we are the

accommodationist sex are endless. How many times have you agreed to chair a committee, attend a function or carry on a conversation with a stinking drunk person when deep down in your heart you really didn't want to? Probably more than you'd like to admit.

Consider the scenario of the young woman who is 17-years-old. It's her first time away from home and she's attending a large university. She really wants to fit in and make friends. She meets a guy at a party. He seems nice enough and they talk for a few hours until the party ends. As she's leaving, he asks her if she'd like to come to his dorm and talk a little more. She really feels uncomfortable with the situation, but she is more worried about being rude and hurting his feelings than going with her feelings and saying no. So she goes to his room and he makes advances toward her. She doesn't want him to think that she led him on so she goes along with the advances although she doesn't even want to be there.

At this point she is thinking to herself, "I don't want this to go any further," but she's so used to being accommodating that she has suppressed her natural instincts that should tell her to articulate to him that she wants things to stop. When she finally does speak up, he is confused and she can't find the words to explain to him what just happened.

If this situation sounds familiar to you, do not be embarrassed, make it a point to start expressing your true feelings. If you don't want to do something, don't do it. It's a lot easier than you might think. It's like anything, the more you do it the easier it will become.

Remember, you don't owe anything to anyone but yourself. What others think of you should never be a consideration in anything that you are contemplating. The only person you have to please is yourself. Once you start taking care of your feelings you will not walk around feeling anxious and regretting things you've said or done that were not really in line with what was in your heart.

The results of this new, less-accommodationist attitude will benefit both men and women. It will benefit women in that we will avoid feeling badly about things we've done that we really didn't want to do. And men will benefit by learning how we really feel from the outset of any interactions or relationships.

If you know a strong sister who never seems to have a problem in this area, hook up with her. Watch her. Some may even think she's mean, but she knows that she has taken care of herself and she can look in the mirror and like the person she sees.

## One student's views on crime

Marvin C. Bryan Jr.

Let us think of a hypothetical situation. Say I was President and dictator of the United States and I had ultimate power to make, enforce and change laws. And say that I wanted to overhaul the United States' sad criminal justice system.

The first thing that I would do is make the death penalty universal throughout the 50 states and U.S. possessions. It is ridiculous for the strongest nation on earth to have senseless murder and uncontrolled drug trade in the streets. I feel that making the death penalty mandatory in all states would help control crime.

As dictator I would also overhaul the death penalty appeals system that keeps murderers alive almost indefinitely on death row.

I feel that if a criminal is sentenced to death, the sentence should be carried out in a year or less; with no more than one appeal against the sentence.

As dictator, I would have one uniform way of carrying out the death sentence - lethal injection. Lethal injection is by far the most humane way of putting someone to death. There would also be no more excuses for not being able to be

executed, such as being too fat to be hung, as a recent case has brought to national attention.

As dictator, I would make a law stating that anytime a person kills someone, except in cases of self-defense, they would receive the death penalty. No ifs, ands or buts.

This rule would reduce the slaughtering now taking place in America's streets, especially the needless deaths of our young, Black men. The automatic death penalty for murder would scare any sane person into not killing because they would know for sure that they would be put to death in less than a year.

Another change I would make in the criminal justice system is reanalyzing and changing the insanity plea. These days it seems like anyone can get away with murder by saying that they were temporarily insane when they committed the act. Whenever someone gets really angry they become temporarily insane, but that does not give that person an excuse to go out murder someone.

When you look at the news you see ridiculous verdicts by juries. Two brothers can plan their parents' murders, carry out the murder, and get off by being temporarily insane.

A woman can wait until her husband is asleep and attempt to murder him by cutting off his penis. She is supposed to have been temporarily insane at the time. She had plenty of opportunities to leave her alleged abuser while her husband was asleep. She clearly had options besides attempted murder.

Clearly, the temporary insanity plea needs to be changed. If I were dictator of the United States I would virtually eliminate the insanity plea, except if there was a legitimate history of mental illness.

Another change I would make to the criminal justice system would be to implement caning (see: Singapore) for lesser crimes. If it seems so barbaric, then why does Singapore have less than 60 murders per year nationwide? In addition, how can we dare call Singapore barbaric when drug dealers shoot into crowds of innocent people and kill one-year-old babies?

The caning law would scare some of these drug offenders and car thieves from committing these crimes. The criminals should have been spanked when they were young anyway. The caning would just be giving them the parenting

they needed anyway.

Lastly, I would expand on President Clinton's idea of boot camps for young offenders. As I was in the Navy, I know the discipline that boot camp instills. I was a small rebel myself when I was younger, though short of being a criminal. After eight weeks of Navy boot camp I came out more mature, more disciplined and more respectful of my peers. If it could change me, I am sure it would change some of the youths headed down the path of failure. Boot camp is more effective than caging young men and women in cells like animals.

I have to say that even though I will never be a dictator—and do not strive to be one—it is apparent that the criminal justice system needs more stringent rules if we are to survive as a nation.

I believe a stronger and more efficient death penalty will help justice. Changing the insanity plea will help justice. A caning rule will help justice. Boot camps for young offenders will help justice.

Drastic measures are needed for drastic times.

*The writer is sophomore, administration of justice major.*

## Why Chavis is under attack

Dr. Manning Marable

The recent firing of Ben Chavis as executive director of the NAACP culminated a campaign of vilification which had lasted for nearly nine months. The NAACP's board voted overwhelmingly to dismiss Chavis, stating that he had failed adequately to explain the use of the organization's funds to settle a threatened lawsuit by former employee, Mary E. Stansel.

All of us are familiar with the general outline of the political "lynching" of Ben Chavis. But in truth, the ouster of Chavis as leader of the oldest civil rights organization in America had little to do with Mary Stansel, or the fact that Chavis was no wizard at financial management.

The real question at issue is whether African-American people have the right to select their own leaders and make them accountable to our concerns and demands. Who speaks for black people in this country? And do we have the right to develop strategies which address our own concerns and advocate programs which advance our interests? The debate over Chavis represents a greater dilemma, the crisis of black leadership in America.

After the 1960s, the NAACP and the civil rights movement were confronted with four basic challenges, which they never fully understood or overcame.

First, the economic crisis of America's central cities created profound problems for black leadership. Jobs disappeared in

the ghetto, as thousands of plants and factories relocated to the suburbs and the Sunbelt.

Second, the fiscal crisis of federal, state and local governments reduced funds for social programs. Reaganism represented a war against the cities, and African-Americans and Latinos were the chief victims of that war. Civil rights organizations were challenged to shift their energies from cooperating with the Federal government to obtain legal and political reforms, to pressuring Congress and the White House to reverse regressive and repressive social programs.

As Republican administrations increasingly relied on expanding the prison system as the primary means of social control of the black community, the NAACP and other organizations were pushed by blacks from all social classes to become more militant and aggressive. Yet under the leadership of NAACP executive director Benjamin Hooks, the organization drifted without a clear political or ideological compass.

The third major challenge was the growth of class divisions within the African-American community itself. Since the late 1960s, the size of the black middle class increased by over 400 percent. Millions of African-Americans moved from the cities to the suburbs. Those who were trapped in the worst neighborhoods of the urban ghettos tended to be the poor, the unemployed, the homeless, young

women and children.

In the 1980s there was an explosion of gang violence connected with the economics of illegal drugs in urban black communities. The NAACP made few efforts to understand or address the growing social crisis which was experienced by the most oppressed African-Americans.

Fourthly, there was the political and social impact of Reaganism in the black community. True, more than 90 percent of all African-Americans voted against Reagan; nevertheless, like other Americans, they were affected by the administration's agenda in many more subtle ways.

In the sixties, blacks believed overwhelmingly that government was "on their side." But Reaganism undercut blacks' attitudes toward the role of the federal government, and also eroded the belief in multiracial

coalitions. Considering that two-thirds of all whites voted for Reagan in 1984—and that in the New York mayoral election, that 78 percent of white New Yorkers cast ballots for Rudolph Giuliani—it became difficult to argue that multiracial coalitions were possible.

Ben Chavis implicitly understood all of this. He understood that organizations like the NAACP had to radically redefine their mission in order to capture the support of the post-civil rights generation. This was the fundamental reason that Chavis inevitably came under attack by the white political establishment.

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## Dorm rules are for students' own good

By Elaine Myada

There are too many rules at this university, especially when it comes to living in residence halls.

This is a sentiment that I am sure is shared by many students living in residence halls. So I would like to share a comment that was recently made at a floor meeting and probably encapsulates the thoughts of many students in residence halls.

"I do not understand why we have to have so many rules imposed on us. I am not a four-year old kid and I don't appreciate being treated like one," the anonymous student said.

These remarks really stunned me when I heard them come out of the mouth of a freshman that had only been at Howard University for a little over three weeks; but at that point I realized many students share this sentiment.

However, I would like to remind students that resident assistants do not like or want to constantly hassle students about rules. R.A.s are not trying to create hassle by enforcing the rules, but are only looking out for students' safety.

Many of the rules at residence halls seem redundant and petty to the students who live in them, but it is important to realize that without these rules, living in a residence hall would be a whole different story.

After all, I have been living in residence halls for two years under the same rules and have felt frustrated and cheated by what I thought were 'stupid rules.' But now that I see what spawned these rules, I am frustrated by residents with attitudes like the person quoted above.

All of the rules in residence halls are aimed at creating an environment in which students can feel safe and parents can feel their children are safe and getting the quiet time they need to study.

The hardest thing for most people to understand is why they must sign in all visitors and why visitation is limited to such a small

number of hours.

I just want students to understand that if visitation rules were not implemented and anyone was allowed to enter residence halls, students would be at risk of unwanted incidents such as theft, graffiti and violence.

For example, the first couple of weeks of school when there was no visitation, many students decided to sneak visitors into the residence halls. The result was vandalism in the Bethune Annex, a brand new dormitory.

In addition, a number of people just roamed the halls with no particular reason for being there. This can easily lead to incidents of violence and stolen student property because guests are not being monitored.

So when people also complain about having to escort their guests at all times, I always ask right back if they would rather have strangers they did not know just walking the halls unattended.

In some dorms the bone of contention seems to be centered around quiet hours. Students claim that they pay rent and should have the freedom to turn their music as loud as they please, whenever they please.

But since Howard University is an academic institution, it must provide an atmosphere for study in its dormitories. In addition, since the residence halls have so many people living in such close proximity, it is important to be courteous to your neighbors who may be sleeping, studying or just trying to relax.

Basically, I am appealing to all students in residence halls to be patient and understanding about the rules they are asked to abide by, and especially to be patient and understanding with the R.A.s that must enforce these rules.

*The writer is a junior, broadcast journalism major.*

## September

Haki Halisi

"Do you remember the 21st night of September? Love was changing the minds of pretenders. While chasing the clouds away."

Many people may not have an appreciation for the group Earth, Wind and Fire such that they can recognize the previous passage. However, no matter what generation of music they claim, many a music lover will admit that at times they have no clue as to what a great song is talking about.

Personally, I had no idea who Maurice White was questioning in the classic song "September." However, I knew that it had an easy chorus, a cool beat and probably referred to some romantic notion of love that he felt was worth singing about. I never really gave the song that much thought, but I've always liked it.

Recently, though, I've found myself examining the importance of the month of September. While not having the prestigious honor of "February" (Black History Month) or the economic influence of "December" (Christmas shopping season), September may well be worth singing about.

To public school children, or more importantly, their parents, September signifies the end of summer vacation. To West Indians in New York, the Labor Day Parade

on Eastern Parkway is the highlight of the month. At Howard University, one may find trying out for the Homecoming Fashion Show, reaching the mountaintop, i.e., getting validated, important September events.

Surely, I could continue to list a lot more that can be considered important events—all occurring in September. I am also sure that some may disagree entirely about the significance that I have given the month and the examples that I have shared. However, I believe that importance and significance are contextual. We all make our own realities and we all assign our own personal value.

The '80s brought us the Yuppie generation and a greed-based values system. The '90s seem to have brought about Generation X and the "I don't care" ideal. Therefore, it is not surprising that one may not care much about September, and thus, this article. I never cared much about the month of September until 1993.

On September 1, 1993, my friend Gail Bailey died. She was on her way back to Howard University when she was in a fatal car accident. My life changed dramatically that September; although the hurt that I felt was unlike any I had ever experienced, I can now appreciate the knowledge that I gained. In the emotional rollercoaster that I

experienced following Gail's death, I realized the dangers of simply not caring.

I knew how much I loved Gail, and yet in the eight years that I had known her, I could count on one hand the amount of times that I told her how I felt. I learned that the times that I had spent baby-sitting her child were a blessing and not worth the grief that I had put her through at the time. I played many experiences over in my mind and had concluded that their value was overshadowed by the fact that I simply took them for granted.

Yet through it all, the most shocking of all realizations was that no matter how hard or long you cry, you just can't go back in time to change things. At that time I understood why I belonged in a peer group labeled Generation "X"—X being the symbol for the unknown, marked generation that just doesn't know. I didn't know the importance of a friend like Gail.

Similarly, my generation doesn't know the importance of September or any month for that matter. Generation X does not know and does not care about anything.

We sing songs never paying close attention to the meaning of the lyrics. We function at the university level as insignificant party animals, information regurgitators, and the ever popular potential young executive. Thus we are leaving a

minority of student leaders with the responsibilities of being the true "talented tenth."

Though it may sound like a cliché, if you don't stop and smell the roses, you may never realize that life has the potential to be much sweeter. Although you may not find many songs expressing love for a platonic friend, or love for a university or one's people, I submit that their can be meaning and significance in many things if they are appreciated.

It is not enough to care about oneself or one's immediate inner sphere. Venture out and be significant at all levels of life. Don't just choose not to care at all or not care enough. Make a difference in life.

The power to define themselves escaped many previous generations. Apathy is always forgotten and easily labeled. Our generation has the power to define itself simply by participating in the events of our time. It is often said that "you never miss your water until your well runs dry."

Be a significant part of all the Septembers of life, for you will certainly regret them if you allow them to pass you by.

Haki Halisi writes a monthly column for The HILLTOP.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you missed Biz Markie last Saturday, make sure you don't miss him next Saturday, September 24, at Quigley's.

If you're interested in becoming a STUDENT AMBASSADOR, listen up- The Student Ambassador workshop will be held next week from Sept. 26th-29th. To be eligible, attendance is mandatory for the Sept. 26th meeting at 6:00pm.

Clinical Laboratory Science Association (formerly medical technology): meeting on Tues. Sept. 20 at 5:15pm rm. 301 Annex I (CAHS)

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## PERSONALS

Congratulations Kerri, You did a good job...and still you rise. We Luv You! Luv Alva & Tre  
Henrietta in the East. Thanks for the jump last week. Portia!  
C.C. You bring out the best in me.  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Beta Chapter - Alpha Week was all good..But it ain't over yet. See ya Tomorrow at Noon!

**THE NAACP HU CHAPTER WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 1998!** We're So Proud of You Kerri! Luv The Crew!!

Malika... Even though things didn't work out, you are still a winner! Your time will come...Tam.

LS/Bonafide... They say patience is a virtue, right? Well so is a slamin' lil some n-some n. IT'S ALL GOOD!!

Congratulations Kerri, we knew you'd win... Love all of Us!!!

Congratulations Kerri, today Miss School of Business, Tomorrow Miss Howard.

Happy Birthday, Melinda. I hope your special day is memorable. Don't do anything I wouldn't do! Love, Val  
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU KERRI. LOVE, IFE

I would like to thank everyone for coming out to CityLights-Selmo P.S. Happy Birthday Kareem Faison. Colin Thompson, you are the bomb!

To everyone who supported Alpha week, especially my program thanx for the support. 13-B-93 C. Thompson.

Clint & Kevin this is our last year together at Howard, you two are of the best older brothers a person could have. These last 3 1/2 years at Howard have been great. Your little brother, P.S. Isn't it funny how I was the last to come & the first to leave!

Happy 20th Birthday to soror Monica Lewis!! oo-oop!

Nadine, remember keep yo head up and look forward to next year. Good things come to those who wait. Oh, tell yo men to stop callin my name, Deuce, Deuce.

To, Liz: Happy belated Birthday. When are we going to Brooklyn? Arthur.

Linda, only two down, and you have worked so hard for the mission. Where would I be without you! Twin.

I hate you Chandler.

To our Brothers of Beta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Congratulations on a successful Alpha week and best of luck throughout the year! With respect and love, Alpha Chapter AKA, Inc.

Sexy, When can I come scoop you?

Congratulations, Alphas on Alpha week. We did our best to help!

To: 10-A-94, Your stock is at zero!! Appropriately yours, Sands

To: 10-A-94, You Big D-U-M-M-Y!! Sands.

Melinda-Good work, Miss Tempo! Keep it up. Happy Birthday!

To Bama (#1 A-hole): Be nice and stay cool. The year has just begun who knows what's to come? Love, Bama#2

To the Be-be kids: We're gonna

make it girls if it's the last thing we do, because when all else fails Who got your back? Exactly!! Love, Kizzy

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TURKEY & CHEESE SUB  
CHIPS  
LARGE 32 OZ ICE TEA  
FOR ONLY \$3.99

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END OF  
ALPHA WEEK  
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FIRST 75 GREEKS  
WITH 'NALIA FREE!!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1994  
BLACKBURN BALLROOM,  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

10:06 - 2:00

\$5.00 DAMAGE

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT CRAMTON AUDITORIUM

## The Soul Food Joint

9TH AND U ST. N.W.  
(2 BLOCKS FROM THE TOWERS!!!)

**986 - SOUL**  
MONDAY - THURSDAY 11:00AM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT  
FRIDAY 11:00 AM - 2:00AM  
SATURDAY 1:00 PM - 2:00AM

## SPECIALS

( ALL SPECIALS INCLUDE FRIES )

THREE THE HARD WAY 3PC. WINGS - \$3.25  
SHADY GRADY'S 5PC. WINGS - \$4.25  
BIG BUBBA'S JUMBO BURGER - \$3.50  
FAT ALBERT'S JUMBO CHEESE BURGER - \$3.65  
SHIRLEY'S STEAK N' CHEESE - \$4.55  
GOLDY'S FRIED FISH SANDWICH - \$4.55  
DOLEMITE'S DYNAMITE DELI DELIGHT 8PC. CHICKEN WING, JUMBO FRIES, TWO CANS OF SODA \$7.50  
ROLLO'S GARDEN SALAD \$3.25  
AUNT ESTER'S CHEF SALAD \$4.25

## DINNERS

(INCLUDES RICE AND ONE CHOICE OF SIDE)

FISH DINNER \$5.25  
CHICKEN DINNER \$5.25  
BBQ CHICKEN DINNER \$5.25

## SIDES (\$1.25 - 1.50)

COLD HOT

SOUL FRIES  
SWEET DADDY WILLIAMS' CANDIED YAMS  
FLORENCE'S COLESLAW  
PREACH'S POTATO SALAD  
FLORIDA'S COLLARD GREENS  
MOTHER JEFFERSON'S MACARONI AND CHEESE  
RUDY RAY'S RED BEANS AND RICE  
BOOKMAN'S MACARONI SALAD

10% OFF ANY PURCHASE  
WITH THIS COUPON